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1 **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**
2 **ON TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2012 ON PAGE 110.]**

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING, THE BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS MEETING IS NOW IN SESSION, I'D LIKE TO ASK
8 EVERYONE IN THE AUDIENCE TO RISE FOR THE INVOCATION AND THE
9 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. THE INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY THE
10 REVEREND BOBBY NEWMAN, JR. OF THE CITIZENS OF ZION MISSIONARY
11 BAPTIST CHURCH IN COMPTON, AND THE PLEDGE OF AN LEGION WILL BE
12 LED BY JOSE J. URQUIZO, FORMER SERGEANT, UNITED STATES MARINE
13 CORPS, RESIDENT OF LA PUENTE. REVEREND NEWMAN.

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15 **JOSE J. URQUIZO:** SINCE EVERYONE IS ALREADY STANDING. PLACE
16 YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR -- SORRY.

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18 **REV. BOBBY NEWMAN:** SHALL WE PRAY? GRACIOUS, HEAVENLY FATHER,
19 WE ONCE AGAIN WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THIS PRIVILEGE AND THIS
20 OPPORTUNITY AT THIS DAY. WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR HOPE
21 AND WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR HELP AND YOUR HEALING.
22 THANK YOU FOR YOUR MERCY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GRACE. OUR
23 HEAVENLY FATHER, JUST CONTINUE TO BLESS OUR LEADERS, THAT THEY
24 CONTINUE TO LEAD OUR CITY. GIVE THEM WISDOM. GIVE THEM
25 KNOWLEDGE, DEAR LORD. DEAR LORD, THAT THEY MAY SEE FORTH WITH



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1 THEIR LORD THAT THIS CITY SO BADLY NEEDS. BLESS THEM WITH
2 WISDOM, BLESS THEM WITH KNOWLEDGE, BLESS THEM WITH STRENGTH.
3 PUT YOUR ARMS OF PROTECTION AROUND THEM. FATHER GOD, WE ASK
4 THIS IN YOUR NAME. AMEN.

5

6 **JOSE URQUIZO:** PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART. [PLEDGE
7 OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN. I'M
12 PLEASED TO HAVE WITH US TODAY THE REVEREND BOBBY NEWMAN JR.,
13 WHO HAS BEEN SERVING AS THE PASTOR OF THE CITIZENS OF ZION
14 MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, FORMERLY 103RD STREET BAPTIST
15 CHURCHE SINCE 2011 WHERE HE HAS BEEN A LIFELONG MEMBER. HE WAS
16 CALLED TO THE MINISTRY IN 1986 AND WAS ORDAINED AS A MINISTER
17 IN 1989. SINCE HIS ORDINATION HE HAS PERFORMED VARIOUS
18 MINISTERIAL TASKS INCLUDING VISITATION TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE
19 SICK, SHUT-IN IN NURSING HOMES, COMMUNION, RECEPTION OF NEW
20 MEMBERS, REVIVALS AND TEACHING SUNDAY SCHOOL, AMONG OTHER MANY
21 MINISTERIAL DUTIES. HE HAS PARTICIPATED ACTIVELY IN THE
22 MINISTRY OF THE CITIZENS OF ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
23 FROM A YOUNG AGE SERVING IN ROLES SUCH AS JUNIOR DEACON,
24 JUNIOR CHOIR MEMBER, TRUSTEE, VICE PRINCIPAL OF VACATION BIBLE
25 SCHOOL AND ADMINISTRATOR OF THE EVANGELISM DEPARTMENT, A



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1 CAPACITY IN WHICH HE CONTINUES TO SERVE. HE'S A GRADUATE OF
2 COMPTON HIGH SCHOOL AND THE CALEB SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY. HE AND
3 HIS WIFE CLAUDIA HAVE SEVEN CHILDREN, 19 GRANDCHILDREN AND
4 THREE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, AND WE'RE DELIGHTED TO HAVE PASTOR
5 NEWMAN WITH US. AND IT'S ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRETY OF THE
6 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT WE EXTEND TO YOU OUR DEEPEST
7 APPRECIATION FOR YOUR BEING OUR MORNING INVOCATOR AND THANK
8 YOU AND WISH YOU GODSPEED. [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. IT'S MY HONOR THIS MORNING TO PRESENT
13 A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO A DISTINGUISHED VETERAN, AND
14 THAT'S JOSE URQUIZO. HE SERVED AS A SERGEANT WITH THE UNITED
15 STATES MARINE CORPS FROM 1999 THROUGH 2006 AND SAW BATTLE IN
16 IRAQ. HIS IMPRESSIVE DECORATIONS INCLUDE THE NAVY UNIT
17 ACCOMMODATION MEDAL, A GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, A NATIONAL DEFENSE
18 MEDAL, A COMBAT ACTION RIBBON AND AN IRAQ CAMPAIGN AND A
19 GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM MEDAL. I WANT TO EXTEND OUR THANKS IN
20 LEADING US IN OUR PLEDGE THIS MORNING BUT ALSO THANKING YOU
21 FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY. CONGRATULATIONS. HE'S JOINED
22 HERE VERY PROUDLY BY HIS MOM, MARIA. [APPLAUSE.]

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO
25 BOTH OUR PRESENTERS. SACHI, WILL YOU CALL THE AGENDA?



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE
3 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE THREE, AGENDA FOR
4 THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM
5 NUMBER 1-D.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** RIDLEY-THOMAS MOVES. KNABE
8 SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE NUMBER FOUR, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING
11 OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, ITEMS 1-H AND 2-H. ON THE ITEM
12 NUMBER 1-H, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO
13 HOLD THIS ITEM. ITEM NUMBER 2-H IS BEFORE YOU.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY MOLINA. SECONDED BY
16 ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE FIVE, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE
19 PARKING AUTHORITY. ITEM 1-PA. ON THIS ITEM THERE'S A REQUEST
20 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS
23 ACTUALLY ASKED TO BE HEARD ON THE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF
24 THE LAST PARKING AUTHORITY MEETING?

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES.

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE SIX BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1
6 THROUGH 12, ITEM NUMBER 1, THIS ALSO INCLUDES THE APPOINTMENTS
7 AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. AND ALSO ON THIS
8 ITEM, SUPERVISOR MOLINA REQUESTS THAT HER APPOINTMENT OF ALINA
9 BOKDE TO THE EL MONTE REDEVELOPMENT OVERSIGHT BOARD BE
10 REFERRED BACK TO HER OFFICE. AND ALSO THERE IS A REQUEST FROM
11 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 2,
12 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ABSTAIN
13 FROM THE VOTE. AND ALSO ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
14 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON ITEM NUMBER 3, THERE'S A
15 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM
16 NUMBER 6, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
17 ITEM NUMBER 9, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
18 TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND ON ITEM NUMBER 10, THERE'S A REQUEST
19 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. THE REMAINING
20 ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ANTONOVICH MOVES. KNABE
23 SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 10, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 13
2 THROUGH 34, ON THE ITEM NUMBER 13, AS INDICATED ON THE
3 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT
4 THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS OFFICE. AND ALSO ON THIS
5 ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD
6 IT. ON ITEM NUMBER 17, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE
7 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 18 AND 19 AND 20,
8 THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD
9 THESE ITEMS. ON ITEM NUMBER 22, THIS INCLUDES THE REVISION AS
10 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. AND ALSO ON THIS ITEM,
11 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON
12 ITEM NUMBER 23, THIS INCLUDES THE REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE
13 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM NUMBER 24, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM
14 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND THE REMAINING
15 ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** KNABE MOVES. RIDLEY-THOMAS
18 SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** I APOLOGIZE. ON ITEM NUMBER 34, IF I COULD
21 ASK FOR RECONSIDERATION. THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF
22 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THAT ITEM.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE
25 RECONSIDERED AND HELD.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 22, SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEM NUMBER
3 35, AND I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS
4 THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT THE
5 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE HAWTHORNE
6 SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS 2008 ELECTION 2012,
7 SERIES B IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
8 13,334,998 DOLLARS AND 70 CENTS. THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED
11 BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 23, MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE
14 AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE
15 MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEM NUMBER
16 36-A, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD
17 THIS ITEM. ITEM NUMBER 36-B IS BEFORE YOU.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANTONOVICH MOVES. KNABE SECONDS,
20 WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.
23 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL
24 DISTRICT NUMBER 2.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MARK, DO YOU HAVE ANY
2 PRESENTATIONS? YEAH, I HAVE SEVERAL. I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD
3 THE DEPUTY MIKE TREINEN, LIEUTENANT JIM ROYAL, DEPUTY
4 CHRISTINA SITES AND DEPUTY JOSEPH TELLAS? JOIN ME HERE WITH
5 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, LADIES AND
6 GENTLEMEN, ON THE EVENING OF MARCH 26TH, JUST A COUPLE WEEKS
7 AGO, DEPUTY MIKE TREINEN, A 22-YEAR-OLD LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S
8 DEPARTMENT VETERAN AND LIEUTENANT JIM ROYAL, AN 18-YEAR
9 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT VETERAN WERE AT A MALIBU COMMUNITY
10 MEETING WHEN THEY HEARD THE SHERIFF'S DISPATCHERS CALLING
11 UNITS TO THE SCENE OF A HOUSE FIRE NEARBY IN THE 20400 BLOCK
12 OF LITTLE ROCK WAY. THEY RECOGNIZED THE ADDRESS AS THAT OF AN
13 ELDERLY WOMAN AND HER CARETAKER WITH WHOM THEY HAVE HAD
14 REGULAR CONTACT. RESPONDING IMMEDIATELY, DEPUTY TREINEN AND
15 LIEUTENANT ROYAL FOUND THE RESIDENCE ENGULFED IN FLAMES WITH
16 COUNTY FIRE UNITS STILL IN ROUTE. FEARING THE WOMAN AND HER
17 CARETAKER WERE TRAPPED INSIDE, THE DEPUTIES ENTERED THE
18 RESIDENCE, DISCOVERED THE ELDERLY WOMAN LYING IN A THRESHOLD
19 OF AN OPEN BACK DOOR NEARLY OVERCOME BY SMOKE AND UNABLE TO
20 WALK. THEY CARRIED HER TO SAFETY WHERE ANOTHER SHERIFF'S
21 PATROL CAR WITH DEPUTIES JOSEPH TELLES AND CHRISTINA SITES WAS
22 ABLE TO DRIVE HER DOWN THE HILL TO AN ARRIVING AMBULANCE. AT
23 THAT POINT DEPUTY TREINEN AND LIEUTENANT ROYAL REENTERED THE
24 BURNING HOME TO CHECK FOR ANY OTHER OCCUPANTS BEFORE FIRE
25 UNITS ARRIVED BUT FORTUNATELY THERE WERE NO OTHERS. THE



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1 ELDERLY HOMEOWNER WAS TAKEN TO SANTA MONICA HOSPITAL AND
2 TREATED FOR SMOKE INHALATION. DEPUTY TREINEN AND ROYAL WERE
3 ALSO TREATED FOR SMOKE INHALATION AT LOCAL HOSPITALS AND LATER
4 RELEASED. THANKS TO THEIR SELFLESS HEROISM AND RESCUING OF
5 THIS ELDERLY WOMAN FROM HER BURNING HOME AND THE ASSISTANCE OF
6 DEPUTIES TELLES AND SITES AND SAFELY TRANSPORTING HER TO
7 MEDICAL ATTENTION, THIS LADY IS ALIVE TODAY. I WANTED TO TAKE
8 THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE ALL FOUR OFFICERS OR DEPUTIES OF
9 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS LITERALLY
10 HEROIC EFFORT AND IT'S A TRIBUTE TO THE HEROISM OF OUR
11 OFFICERS BUT IT'S ALSO A TRIBUTE TO THE KNOWLEDGE THEY HAD OF
12 THE COMMUNITY THEY SERVE, KNOWING THAT THAT PARTICULAR
13 ADDRESS, THEY KNEW WHO LIVED THERE, WHAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES
14 THERE WERE AND OBVIOUSLY FOCUSED THEIR URGENT ATTENTION ON
15 GETTING THERE QUICKLY. THERE'S ONE THING IN LIFE THAT YOU
16 CAN'T REALLY MEASURE WHEN YOU SAVE ANOTHER PERSON'S LIFE, IT'S
17 AS THOUGH YOU'VE SAVED THE WHOLE OF HUMANITY. AND EVERY LIFE
18 COUNTS. AND YOU PUT YOUR OWN LIVES AT RISK TO SAVE ANOTHER.
19 AND THAT'S THE GREATEST CALLING AND THAT'S THE GREATEST
20 SACRIFICE AND THE GREATEST ACT OF COURAGE THAT ANY HUMAN BEING
21 CAN PERFORM. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY
22 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, BUT ALSO ON BEHALF OF MY DISTRICT,
23 KNOWING THAT WE HAVE DEPUTIES LIKE YOURSELVES WHO SERVE IN OUR
24 PART OF THE COUNTY, IT MAKES US SLEEP A LITTLE EASIER AT
25 NIGHT. WE APPRECIATE THAT VERY MUCH. SO LET ME PRESENT THIS TO



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1 LIEUTENANT ROYAL. WHERE ARE YOU? AND TO MIKE TREINEN. AND
2 JOSEPH TELLES? AND CHRISTINA SITES. AND, CAPTAIN, WOULD YOU
3 LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS? CAPTAIN STEVEN OF OUR LAS VIRGENES
4 STATION OUT IN CALABASAS.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. JUST ON BEHALF OF SHERIFF
7 BACA, I JUST WANT TO SAY, YOU KNOW, YOU GUYS CONSISTENTLY
8 RECOGNIZE OUR HEROIC EFFORTS. WE, MYSELF AS A STATION CAPTAIN,
9 THIS GOES A LONG WAY WITH ME AND MY DEPARTMENT. SO THANK YOU
10 SO MUCH. WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT. [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I SAID IT'S LAS VIRGENES STATION.
13 IT'S LOST HILLS STATION. BUT WE ALL KNOW WHERE THEY ARE. NEXT
14 I WOULD LIKE TO ASK AMBER MOLINA TO COME FORWARD. THERE SHE
15 COMES. TODAY I'M PRESENTING THIS SCROLL TO AMBER MOLINA, THE
16 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 2012 PUBLIC RESPONSE
17 DISPATCHER OF THE YEAR. THIS PRESENTATION COINCIDES WITH
18 NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK IN LOS ANGELES
19 COUNTY. IN A MOTION WE APPROVED AT THIS BOARD OR WILL APPROVE
20 ON THE BOARD'S AGENDA THIS DAY, THE CEREMONIAL WEEK WAS
21 ESTABLISHED IN 1981 BY PATRICIA ANDERSON OF THE CONTRA COSTA
22 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN ORDER TO RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS
23 OF THE DEDICATED WORK PERFORMED BY 911 CALL TAKERS,
24 DISPATCHERS AND OTHER TELECOMMUNICATIONS STAFF.
25 TELECOMMUNICATORS PROVIDE A VITAL LINK TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY,



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1 SERVICES ON WHICH AMERICANS RELY EVERY DAY. THIS CEREMONIAL
2 OCCASION AFFORDS AMERICANS TO HAVE A CHANCE TO THANK THE
3 PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WHO DEVOTE THEMSELVES 24/7
4 LITERALLY YEAR IN AND YEAR OUT TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES. AND
5 TODAY WE HONOR AMBER MOLINA FOR HER GREAT PERFORMANCE AND
6 CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD PUBLIC SAFETY. YOU KNOW, EVERY NOW AND
7 THEN WE HEAR THE RECORDINGS OF A 911 CALL WHEN SOMEBODY IS
8 SAVED OR SOMEBODY'S CHOKING AND THERE'S A CRIMINAL TRYING TO
9 BREAK INTO A HOUSE AND IT'S THE 911 OPERATOR WHO MAKES THE
10 FIRST CONTACT WITH THE CITIZEN. AND IN SO MANY CASES SAVES
11 LIVES AND GIVES GUIDANCE TO PEOPLE BEFORE THE FIRST RESPONDERS
12 HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN ABLE TO RESPOND BECAUSE ACTUALLY THE FIRST
13 RESPONDER IS THE 911 OPERATOR. THEY'RE THE ONE THAT ANSWER THE
14 CALLS. AND THEY'RE OFTEN PUT IN THE POSITION OF HAVING TO MAKE
15 SIGNIFICANT, GIVE SIGNIFICANT ADVICE TO PEOPLE WHILE THE FIRE
16 DEPARTMENT OR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS ON ITS WAY. SO, AMBER,
17 WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON THIS SINGULAR HONOR. AND I KNOW
18 THAT YOU REPRESENT THE WHOLE ARMY OF DISPATCHERS WHO WE HAVE
19 IN L.A. COUNTY BOTH IN THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND ALL THE OTHER
20 CITIES THAT HAVE 911 SYSTEMS. AND YOU'RE REPRESENTING THEM AND
21 CARRYING THEIR TORCH HERE TODAY. SO CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK
22 YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE. [APPLAUSE.]

23

24 **SCOTT EDSON:** HELLO, I'M CAPTAIN SCOTT EDSON FROM SHERIFF'S
25 COMMUNICATIONS AND I'D LIKE TO TAKE A BRIEF MINUTE TO TALK



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1 ABOUT THIS WEEK BEING NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS
2 WEEK. THERE'S OVER 200,000 TELECOMMUNICATIONS SPECIALISTS OVER
3 THE NATION. SOME JUST TAKE PHONE CALLS WHILE OTHERS HANDLE
4 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS AND SOME DO BOTH. BASICALLY WHEN YOU HAVE
5 AN EMERGENCY, THEY'RE THE ONES THAT ANSWER YOUR PHONE CALL.
6 WHEN A DEPUTY NEEDS HELP, THEY'RE THE ONES THAT TALK TO THE
7 DEPUTY ON THE RADIO. WHEN A DEPUTY COMES ACROSS A DANGEROUS
8 SITUATION, THEY'RE THE ONES THAT PROVIDE THE WARNING TO THE
9 DEPUTY. AND EACH YEAR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HONORS ONE OF
10 THEIR OWN PUBLIC RESPONSE DISPATCHERS. SUPERVISORS AND
11 DISPATCHERS CAST THEIR VOTE FOR WHO THEY BELIEVE TO BE THE
12 BEST DISPATCHER AND THIS YEAR AMBER MOLINA WAS VOTED AS THE
13 2012 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DISPATCHER OF THE YEAR. SHE'S A TRUE
14 TELECOMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST. SHE DOES AN OUTSTANDING JOB
15 EVERY DAY WITH A CALM AND PROFESSIONAL DEMEANOR YET FRIENDLY
16 VOICE ON THE RADIO. AS WITH MOST DISPATCHERS THIS YEAR SEEMS
17 TO BE HER CALLING. THEIR JOB IS TRULY THE CALM DURING THE
18 STORM. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS
19 OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE AMBER MOLINA TO YOU AND TO THE
20 CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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22 **SCOTT EDSON:** FIRST TIME SHE HAS MIC FRIGHT.

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24 **SUP. KNABE:** SHE SHOULD HAVE SAID "WHAT'S YOUR LOCATION,
25 PLEASE?"



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MY FINAL PRESENTATION IS TO

3 OUR ANNUAL PRESENTATION TO THE ICAN ICAN DELEGATION. TODAY

4 WE'RE PROCLAIMING APRIL 2012 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

5 IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND HONORING THIS YEAR'S WINNER

6 OF THE ICAN CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION POSTER CONTEST. I THINK

7 YOU'LL SEE THESE POSTERS ARE QUITE EXTRAORDINARY. CHILD ABUSE

8 AND NEGLECT IMPACTS CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM ALL CULTURAL,

9 ETHNIC AND SOCIOECONOMIC GROUPS AND OFTEN LEAVES LASTING SCARS

10 ON ITS VICTIMS AND COMMUNITIES. IN 2011, SOME 167,723 CASES OF

11 CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT WERE REPORTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF

12 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. COUNTLESS

13 CHILDREN SUFFER PERMANENT MENTAL AND PHYSICAL INJURY AS A

14 RESULT OF ABUSE AT THE HANDS OF THOSE ENTRUSTED WITH THEIR

15 CARE. ICAN HAS PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN INCREASING

16 AWARENESS AROUND THE ISSUE OF PREVENTING CHILD ABUSE. FOR THE

17 PAST 15 YEARS, ICAN ASSOCIATES HAS HELD THE POSTER ART CONTEST

18 THAT WE SEE THE RESULTS OF BEHIND ME. THE PROGRAM IS DESIGNED

19 TO EDUCATE STUDENTS AND RAISE THEIR AWARENESS ON ISSUES OF

20 CHILD ABUSE AND CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION. THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED

21 THROUGH A LESSON PLAN THAT IS GEARED TOWARDS STIMULATING

22 DISCUSSION AROUND CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION. THE CONTEST IS OPEN

23 TO ALL FOURTH, FIFTH, AND SIXTH GRADERS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

24 AND THIS YEAR WE HAVE 13 SCHOOLS REPRESENTED IN THE FINALS.

25 WINNING STUDENTS ARE SELECTED BY A PANEL OF JUDGES FROM L.A.



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1 COUNTY. THE STUDENTS' POSTERS WILL BE EXHIBITED AT THE STATE
2 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN SACRAMENTO, THE FAMILY
3 VIOLENCE DIVISION OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND
4 FRANCES HOWARD GOLDWYN LIBRARY, LOS ANGELES COUNTY ED
5 EDELMAN'S CHILDREN'S COURT, AND THE SEX CRIMES AND CHILD ABUSE
6 DIVISION OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AT THE HALL OF
7 RECORDS. THE WINNERS THIS YEAR'S GRAND PRIZE WINNER IS JULIAN
8 LYNN BATISTA FROM ST. GENEVIEVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN PANORAMA
9 CITY IN THE GREAT THIRD DISTRICT. WHERE ARE YOU? THERE YOU
10 ARE. [APPLAUSE.] OUR OTHER WINNERS ARE LAUREN PICAR, IS THAT
11 THE RIGHT PRONUNCIATION? FROM CASTLE BAY LANE ELEMENTARY IN
12 NORTHRIDGE. DILLON KNICKS FROM ESCALONA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN
13 LA MIRADA. RAISE YOUR HAND WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME. LIONEL
14 ARZOLA FROM HOLLINGSWORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN WEST COVINA.
15 AND JOSHUA A. LINGAU FROM JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL IN SAN
16 GABRIEL. GIVE THEM ALL A GREAT HAND. [APPLAUSE.] I THINK IT'S
17 FAIR TO SAY THAT ALL OF YOU ARE WINNERS TODAY, AND WE REALLY
18 APPRECIATE -- YOU MADE THE DECISION VERY DIFFICULT FOR THE
19 JUDGES, I'M SURE. AND ALL OF THESE POSTERS ARE INCREDIBLY
20 VIVID AND COLORFUL AND THE MESSAGE IS VERY POWERFUL. WE
21 CONGRATULATE ALL OF YOU. SO JULIAN, IF YOU'LL JOIN ME HERE FOR
22 A SECOND, I'D LIKE TO GIVE YOU THIS PROCLAMATION. GRAND PRIZE
23 WINNER. CONGRATULATIONS. AND LET ME INTRODUCE DEANNE TILTON
24 WHO IS NO STRANGER TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND LET ME
25 PRESENT YOU WITH THIS PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING CHILD ABUSE



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1 PREVENTION MONTH, THE MONTH OF APRIL IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

2 I'D LIKE TO ASK DEANNE TO SAY A FEW WORDS.

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4 **DEANNE TILTON:** YESTERDAY IN AN L.A. TIMES EDITORIAL, THERE WAS
5 A COMMENT ABOUT MISDIRECTED PUBLIC OUTRAGE. HERE IS WHERE
6 PUBLIC OUTRAGE SHOULD BE DIRECTED, NOT TOWARD THOSE WHO HAVE
7 DEDICATED THEIR LIVES TO PROTECTING CHILDREN, SOMETIMES
8 IMPERFECTLY, BUT TO THOSE WHO HEAR SCREAMS IN THE NIGHT AND
9 CLOSE THEIR WINDOWS, THOSE WHO BELIEVE THAT CHILDREN HAVE NO
10 RIGHTS, AND THOSE WHO FAIL TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE QUALITY OF
11 OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND THE STATE OF OUR ECONOMY ARE PROFOUNDLY
12 AFFECTED BY THE MISTREATMENT OF CHILDREN. MEDICAL, MENTAL
13 HEALTH TREATMENT, LAW ENFORCEMENT, COURT, JUVENILE AND
14 CRIMINAL JUSTICE COSTS IN THE BILLIONS. CHILD ABUSE AFFECTS US
15 ALL. AND THESE CHILDREN HERE TODAY ARE EVIDENCE OF THAT. THEY
16 ARE NOT ABUSED CHILDREN, BUT THEIR ARTWORK EXPRESSES THEIR
17 CONCERN FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE HURT AND, YES, THEIR FEAR.
18 BECAUSE IN NEARLY EVERY CLASSROOM AND IN EVERY SCHOOL THERE IS
19 A CHILD WHO FEARS GOING HOME OR FEARS COMING TO SCHOOL.
20 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DEGRADING EMOTIONAL ABUSE, BLUNT FORCE
21 TRAUMA, BULLYING, TRAFFICKING. AND THE MOST VULNERABLE OF ALL
22 CHILDREN ARE THOSE TOO YOUNG TO EVEN BE SEEN BY A CLASSMATE OR
23 A TEACHER, THESE ARE THE INFANTS AND TODDLERS WHO SADLY
24 REPRESENT THE MAJORITY OF CHILD FATALITIES. THEY ALSO ARE THE
25 TINY VICTIMS OF UNSAFE SLEEPING, 70 BABIES A YEAR. AND SO WE



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1 PURSUE SUCCESS IN OUR INFANT SAFE SLEEPING CAMPAIGN IN HOPES
2 OF SAVING LIVES IN THE WAY OUR COUNTY SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY
3 CAMPAIGN HAS SAVED 90 LIVES. AND SO WE CELEBRATE THIS MONTH
4 WITH A NEW CHILD WELFARE DIRECTOR AND THE MANY ICAN AGENCIES
5 AND ORGANIZATIONS WHO WORK TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM HARM BUT
6 ALSO WITH A COMMITMENT TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF EVERYONE
7 IN OUR COUNTY TO BECOME A PART OF THIS COMMITMENT BECAUSE THE
8 REALITY IS THAT CHILD ABUSE CAN BE PREVENTED BEFORE IT BECOMES
9 A TRAGIC STATISTIC. FRIENDS, FAMILY, NEIGHBORS. AND WHEN A
10 CHILD IS HURT, THE SADDEST CHILD ABUSE REPORTS EVER ARE THOSE
11 THAT ARE NEVER MADE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THANK YOU, BOARD.
12 ON BEHALF OF THE CHAIR, SHERIFF LEE BACA, COCHAIR, DISTRICT
13 ATTORNEY STEVE COOLEY, PHILIP BROWNING, MARV SOUTHARD AND THE
14 OTHER MEMBERS OF ICAN POLICY MEETING AND THESE CHILDREN WHO
15 HAVE JUST INVESTED THEIR HEARTS AND SOULS IN THE ARTWORK
16 BEFORE YOU TODAY. THANK YOU FOR THIS VERY MEANINGFUL
17 PRESENTATION. [APPLAUSE].

18

19 **CHILDREN:** APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH. THANK YOU,
20 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND ICAN FOR PROTECTING KIDS. [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** LET ME ACKNOWLEDGE BEVERLY KURTZ
23 AS A LONGTIME FAMILY FRIEND WHO'S DEDICATED A GOOD CHUNK OF
24 HER LIFE TO THIS PROGRAM. WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY A WORD OR TWO?
25 ALL RIGHT, BEVERLY, COME ON.



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2 **BEVERLY KURTZ:** THANK YOU FOR THE KIND INTRODUCTION, ZEV. I
3 APPRECIATE IT. AND I WAS THRILLED THAT YOU WERE THE CHAIR THIS
4 YEAR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND WAS ABLE TO BE ONE OF OUR
5 JUDGES. AND HE AND HIS DEPUTY, LISA MANDEL MADE TODAY
6 POSSIBLE. I'M REALLY OVERWHELMED BY THE CERTIFICATES AND
7 SCROLLS THAT YOU PRESENTED TO THE WINNERS AND FINALISTS THAT
8 WERE HERE AND THE GRAND PRIZE WINNER. I JUST WANT TO SAY OVER
9 THE TIME THAT I'VE BEEN CHAIRING THIS PROJECT, OVER 20,000
10 KIDS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAVE PARTICIPATED. AND THIS YEAR
11 OVER 500 SUBMITTED POSTERS FOR THE ICAN POSTER CONTEST. AND AS
12 ZEV TOLD YOU, IT'S REALLY A TEACHER-CONDUCTED LESSON IN THE
13 CLASSROOM. SO IT'S ICAN AND ICAN ASSOCIATE'S PUBLIC AWARENESS
14 CAMPAIGN FOR STUDENTS TO BE ABLE TO TALK ABOUT THESE ISSUES IN
15 A VERY SAFE ENVIRONMENT. AND I WANT TO THANK ALL THE BOARD.
16 AND EVERY ONE OF THEM HAS PARTICIPATED IN THE PAST AS A JUDGE
17 OVER THE YEARS AND JUST THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.
20 CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU FINALISTS AND WINNERS FOR A
21 GREAT JOB THIS YEAR. [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
2 IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO INVITE UP A DEAR FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR,
3 CORA JOHNSON, ONE OF OUR DONATE LIFE AMBASSADORS AS WELL AS
4 TOM MONE, C.E.O. OF ONE LEGACY TO JOIN ME UP HERE. AS YOU
5 REMEMBER LAST WEEK, WE DECLARED APRIL AS THE D.M.V., DONATED
6 LIFE CALIFORNIA MONTH. AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, THIS IS AN ANNUAL
7 PRESENTATION AND A VERY IMPORTANT ONE. ORGAN AND TISSUE
8 DONATION IS A LIFE-GIVING ACT RECOGNIZED WORLDWIDE AS THE
9 GREATEST EXPRESSION OF COMPASSION. NEARLY 100,000 INDIVIDUALS
10 NATIONWIDE AND MORE THAN 20,000 HERE IN CALIFORNIA ARE
11 CURRENTLY ON THE NATIONAL ORGAN TRANSPLANT WAIT LIST.
12 UNFORTUNATELY, EVERY 90 MINUTES, ONE PERSON DIES WHILE WAITING
13 FOR A DONATED ORGAN. EACH YEAR, MILLIONS OF LIVES ARE SAVED
14 AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THOUSANDS ARE MORE ENHANCED BY
15 ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION AND TRANSPLANTATION. A SINGLE
16 INDIVIDUAL'S DONATION OF THE HEART, LUNGS, LIVER, KIDNEYS,
17 PANCREAS, SMALL INTESTINE CAN SAVE UP TO EIGHT LIVES. AND THE
18 DONATION OF TISSUE CAN SAVE AND HEAL UP TO 50 OTHERS. SINCE
19 THE INCEPTION OF THE REGISTRY, MORE THAN EIGHT MILLION
20 CALIFORNIANS HAVE SIGNED UP ONTO THE REGISTRY. THE SOUTHERN
21 CALIFORNIA DONATE LIFE RUN/WALK SUPPORTS PUBLIC AWARENESS
22 ENROLLMENT EFFORTS FOR THE DONATE LIFE CALIFORNIA ORGAN AND
23 TISSUE DONOR REGISTRY. THEY HOST A FULL DAY OF COMPETITIVE
24 RUNNING, HONORARY WALKING. I LIKE THE WAY YOU CALL IT
25 "HONORARY WALKING" FOR THOSE NON-RUNNERS. FAIR, FAMILY



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1 FESTIVITIES. MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT'S REALLY ABOUT PROVIDING
2 INFORMATION REGARDING DONATE LIFE. THIS YEAR'S EVENT IS
3 SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 28TH AT CAL STATE FULLERTON. SO
4 ON BEHALF OF MYSELF, THE COLLEAGUES AND THE BOARD AND THE 10
5 MILLION RESIDENTS OF THIS GREAT COUNTY, I'D LIKE TO PRESENT
6 YOU THIS GREAT SCROLL IN HONOR OF D.M.V. DONATE LIFE
7 CALIFORNIA LIFE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL. CONGRATULATIONS.

8 [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **CORA JOHNSON:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND THANK YOU TO THE
11 CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND TO THE BOARD OF
12 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS CORA JOHNSON. I AM A DONATE LIFE
13 AMBASSADOR. I HAVE BEEN FOR ABOUT EIGHT YEARS. MY HUSBAND WAS
14 A HEART TRANSPLANT AT CEDAR SINAI. HE WAITED 14 MONTHS FOR
15 THAT HEART. DURING HIS WAIT, HE WAS IN THE HOSPITAL SEVERAL
16 TIMES. AND HE COULD HEAR THE HELICOPTER COMING AND GOING TO
17 THE HELIPAD. EACH TIME, HE THOUGHT, "IS THAT HELICOPTER COMING
18 FOR ME"? AND IT NEVER WAS UNTIL MAY 6TH, 2001. THEN THE
19 HELICOPTER WAS FOR HIM AND HE GOT A HEART, WHICH ALLOWED HIM
20 TO LIVE ANOTHER EIGHT AND ONE-HALF YEARS. AND IT GAVE US THAT
21 MUCH MORE TIME TOGETHER. SO I AM ETERNALLY GRATEFUL TO THE
22 DONORS OF MY HUSBAND'S HEART AND TO THE PROGRAM ONE LEGACY HAS
23 FOR TRANSPLANTATION. SO I URGE YOU TO SIGN UP AT
24 WWW.DONATELIFECALIFORNIA.ORG AND GO ON THE REGISTRY OR SIGN UP
25 WHEN YOU RENEW YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE. IT'S REAL EASY JUST TO



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1 CHECK THE LITTLE BOX ON THE BOTTOM OF THE FORM WHEN YOU RENEW
2 AND THEN YOU'LL GET THE PINK DOT ON YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE. I
3 ALSO URGE YOU TO COME TO THE DONATE LIFE RUN/WALK AT CAL STATE
4 FULLERTON ON APRIL 28. IT'S A LOT OF FUN. AND YOU'LL LEARN A
5 LOT ABOUT DONATION AND ALSO SEE A LOT OF FOLKS WHO ARE
6 RECIPIENTS OR WHO ARE WAITING OR WHO ARE DONOR FAMILIES. THANK
7 YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION. [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **TOM MONE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
10 SUPERVISORS. WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE IT, DONATE LIFE, THIS
11 OPPORTUNITY TO FIRST EXPRESS OUR THANKS TO THE COUNTY OF LOS
12 ANGELES FOR YOUR COLLABORATIVE WORK WITH US TO HELP FAMILIES
13 AND INDIVIDUALS DONATE LIFE. WITHOUT THE SUPPORT AND ACTIVE
14 INVOLVEMENT OF DR. LAKSHMANAN IN THE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S
15 OFFICE, AND THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO SAVE
16 AND AFFECT AS MANY LIVES AS WE DO. IN FACT LAST YEAR, OVER
17 1,200 LIVES WERE SAVED THROUGH THE GIFT OF LIFE FOR ORGAN
18 DONORS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND ANOTHER 75,000 HEALED BY THE
19 GIFT OF TISSUE DONATION, MOST OF WHICH COME OUT OF LOS ANGELES
20 COUNTY. SO THIS COUNTY HAS BEEN REMARKABLY HELPFUL IN SAVING
21 LIVES. AND, IN FACT, 75 PERCENT OF PEOPLE WHO COULD BE DONORS
22 IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WERE DONORS LAST YEAR. AND THAT'S A
23 REMARKABLE ACCOMPLISHMENT. BUT IT'S NOT ENOUGH BECAUSE AS THE
24 SUPERVISOR NOTED, SOME 20,000 CALIFORNIANS ARE STILL WAITING
25 FOR AN ORGAN. ONE OR TWO DIE EVERY DAY WHILE WAITING. AND AS



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1 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY MENTIONED, EVERY LIFE MATTERS AND
2 ACTUALLY EVERY DAY OF EVERY LIFE MATTERS. WE CAN SAVE EVERY
3 LIFE IF EVERYONE WOULD SIGN UP AT DONATELIFECALIFORNIA.ORG OR
4 SIMPLY CHECK THE BOX AT THE D.M.V. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING
5 YOU JOIN US AT THE REGISTRY. WHEN YOU HAVE FULFILLED YOUR
6 LIFE, YOU COULD HELP SAVE ANOTHER'S. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
7 [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR
10 ANTONOVICH.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL TODAY WE ARE GOING TO RECOGNIZE AND
13 COMMEND OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS FOR
14 CONTINUING TO PROVIDE THE QUALITY ANIMAL CONTROL RESCUE
15 SERVICES 24 HOURS A DAY 7 DAYS A WEEK AS WE PROCLAIM THE WEEK
16 OF APRIL 8 THROUGH APRIL 14 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS
17 APPRECIATION WEEK. EACH DAY THESE OFFICERS GO OUT IN ALL OF
18 THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND TO
19 THE 50 CITIES OF THE 88 CITIES WHO CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY OF
20 LOS ANGELES FOR THESE SERVICES. THEY ARE DEDICATED PATROL
21 OFFICERS WHO PATROL THE BUSY STREETS, CONDUCT THE MAIN
22 INVESTIGATIONS WHEN ANIMAL CRUELTY IS SUSPECTED AND FIND
23 SHELTER FOR THOUSANDS OF HOMELESS ANIMALS EACH YEAR. THEY ALSO
24 PROVIDE EMERGENCY SERVICES AND RESCUE SERVICES DURING NATURAL
25 DISASTERS AND FORCE ALL STATE AND LOCAL ANIMAL CONTROL LAWS



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1 AND EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF PET
2 OWNERSHIP. AND THROUGH THEIR OUTREACH INTERVENTION PROGRAMS.
3 SO WE ACKNOWLEDGE THESE INDIVIDUALS THAT WE HAVE WITH US
4 TODAY, DEREK BROWN, ERIN REYES, KELLY MILLER, CHRIS _____,
5 _____ SIMMS, KIM SHULMAN, REBECCA LEO, GLENDA CHACON, SYLVIA
6 RODRIGUEZ, LUIS CRUZ, MARIA MARTINEZ. _____ VILLA, AND
7 EVA MONTEZ. [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. ON BEHALF OF THE
10 350 MEN AND WOMEN OF THE DEPARTMENT, I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD
11 FOR THIS RECOGNITION TODAY AND MORE IMPORTANTLY THANK THE
12 BOARD FOR THEIR SUPPORT EACH AND EVERY YEAR. THE ROLE OF THE
13 OFFICER OF THE COMMUNITY IS VITAL. IT'S A TOUGH JOB. IT CAN BE
14 A DANGEROUS JOB. BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, WHEN WE HAVE
15 HELPED AN ANIMAL, WHEN WE HAVE HELPED A PET OWNER, AND WHEN
16 WE'VE HELPED SOMEBODY ADOPT AN ANIMAL THAT WAS UNWANTED, IT'S
17 A REWARDING JOB. SO I APPRECIATE YOUR RECOGNITION AGAIN. THANK
18 YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** HEY, MIKE, COULD I JUST ADD ON THESE OFFICERS,
21 THEY JUST DO AN INCREDIBLE JOB IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS AS
22 WELL AS THE CITIES WE REPRESENT. ANY TIME WE HAVE A NEED OR AN
23 ANIMAL OR ADOPTION ISSUE, THEY JUST DO A WONDERFUL JOB. I JUST
24 WANT TO THANK YOU FOR RECOGNIZING THEM.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ABSOLUTELY. AND NOW WE HAVE LITTLE COCO
2 CHANEL WHO IS A LITTLE TERRIER MIX. SHE'S ONE YEARS OLD. AND
3 SHE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. SO IF YOU'D LIKE TO ADOPT LITTLE
4 COCO CHANEL, YOU CAN CALL 562-728-4644 FOR LITTLE COCO CHANEL
5 AND THE OUTFIT COMES.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAS NO
8 PRESENTATION, SO WE'LL GO ON TO THE AGENDA. WOULD YOU MIND IF
9 I JUST TAKE THE PUBLIC COMMENT FIRST, THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE
10 SIGNED UP TO BE HEARD ON ITEMS? DR. CLAVREUL? DR. CLAVREUL,
11 YOU'VE ASKED TO BE HEARD ON ITEM 1, 17 AND 18. MR. PREVEN, ARE
12 YOU HERE? YOU ASKED TO BE HEARD ON 1-PA, 1, 2, 3, 9, 13, 24
13 AND 34. IS MR. SACHS HERE? WE'LL SEE IF HE SHOWS UP. AND RON
14 SALDANA? MR. SALDANA? YOU'RE HERE ON ITEM 20? OKAY. IF YOU'D
15 LIKE TO COME DOWN. OKAY, DR. CLAVREUL, WHENEVER YOU'RE READY.

16

17 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.
18 ON ITEM NUMBER 1 ABOUT ALL THOSE APPOINTMENT TO COMMISSION,
19 IT'S OBVIOUS A LOT OF THOSE NAMES ARE RECYCLING CONSTANTLY IN
20 A LOT OF THE COMMISSIONS, SO THAT CONCERNS ME A BIT. ON ITEM
21 17 AND 18, I AM, AGAIN, DEALING WITH THE ISSUE OF SOLE- VENDOR
22 CONTRACT. AND I AM VERY SURPRISED THAT IN THE ENTIRE L.A.
23 COUNTY WHEN YOU LOOK BACK AT THE SOLE-SOURCE CHECKLIST, WHY
24 THOSE PEOPLE WERE IDENTIFIED AS SOLE VENDORS. ONLY ONE BY THE
25 ANTELOPE VALLEY PARTNER. SO EXCUSE IS THEY ARE THE ONLY ONE



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1 WHO USE HEALTHY FAMILY AMERICA MODEL FOR IMPLEMENTATIONS OF
2 MATERNAL INFANT AND EARLY CHILDHOOD. I WOULD BE VERY SURPRISED
3 IF THEY ARE THE ONLY GROUP IN ENTIRE L.A. COUNTY WHO USE THAT
4 SYSTEM. I TRIED TO FIND OUT. I DID NOT HAVE THE TIME TO DO
5 THAT. BUT I'M SURE THEY CANNOT BE THE ONLY ONE. AND THE SAME
6 ABOUT LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, WHICH IS NOT THE
7 BEST, WE KNOW THAT. AND THE REASONS THEY WERE SELECTED AS SOLE
8 VENDOR IS BECAUSE THEY ARE THE ONLY ONE ACCORDING TO THIS
9 LITTLE NOTE IS THAT THEY USE THE NURSE FAMILY PRACTICE MODEL
10 FOR IMPLEMENTATIONS. THAT'S UNBELIEVABLE. I CANNOT BELIEVE
11 THAT IN L.A. COUNTY, THAT'S AN OXYMORON. THAT'S ONE OF MY
12 FAVORITE STATEMENTS WHEN I COME IN HERE AND I SEE THE SOLE-
13 VENDOR CONTRACTS. I MEAN, THEY ARE NOT -- JUST TELL ME YOU'RE
14 DOING THAT BECAUSE YOU WANT THEM AND BECAUSE THEY ARE YOUR
15 FAVORITE FRIEND, BUT DON'T TELL ME BECAUSE THEY ARE THE ONLY
16 ONE WHO USE THOSE MODEL OF IMPLEMENTATION. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
17 AND I WOULD LIKE SOMEBODY TO PROVE ME WRONG ON THIS ONE. AND
18 FOR YOU TO CALL ALL THE ITEMS AT ONCE DEFINITELY VIOLATION OF
19 THE BROWN ACT. AND FOR THE MEETING ON THE 20TH, YOU OBLIGE MR.
20 ERIC PREVEN TO SPEAK TO S-1 WITHOUT HAVING THE D.H.S. REPORT
21 WHEN AT THE END OF THE MEETING, YOU HAD S-1 PRESENTED WITH DR.
22 KATZ GIVING THE REPORT. THAT'S A DIRECT VIOLATION OF THE BROWN
23 ACT. THE PUBLIC HAS THE RIGHT TO SPEAK TO THE ITEM AT THE TIME
24 THE ITEM IS PRESENTED. AND I WANT YOU TO BE REMINDED OF THAT.
25 THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. PREVEN?

3

4 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES. MY NAME IS ERIC PREVEN, AND I AM THE COUNTY
5 RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3. AND A QUICK ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR THE
6 SHERIFFS WHO MADE THAT RESCUE IN MALIBU, LIEUTENANT ROYAL AND
7 TREINEN. GREAT GUYS AND REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. ITEM 1 I HAVE
8 TO CONCUR. THE RONDO LAY OF REDEVELOPMENT DISSOLUTION WHICH
9 SEEMS TO BE UNDERWAY IN WHICH THERE ARE NUMEROUS REPETITIVE
10 APPOINTMENTS. AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAS APPOINTED JOHN
11 DORCH WHICH WAS ON THE SANTA CLARITA CITY COMMISSION, BUT
12 APPARENTLY YOU CAN'T DO THAT BECAUSE IN FEBRUARY WE OUTLAWED
13 THAT IDEA, BUT NOW WE'RE WAIVING IT. I'M CONFUSED BY THIS. I
14 THINK MEGAN MORET MAY GET THE PRIZE FOR BEING ON THE MOST
15 REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONS. I THINK WE OUGHT TO FIGURE OUT A
16 BETTER STRATEGY. ITEM NUMBER 3 IS THE UPCOMING TRIP TO
17 WASHINGTON. I HAVE BEEN IN CONFERENCES WITH MISS WATANABE, THE
18 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, ABOUT SETTING UP A PROTOCOL TO AVOID THE
19 KIND OF DISCREPANCIES THAT OCCURRED LAST YEAR. SUPERVISOR
20 YAROSLAVSKY OBVIOUSLY WAS SWAT ON. MAYOR ANTONOVICH ONLY ONE
21 LITTLE TINY HAIR OUT OF PLACE. AND BILL FUJIOKA WAS RIGHT ON,
22 BUT OTHER SUPERVISORS DID MAKE SOME ERRORS. AND WE ASKED TO
23 SEE IF THEY HAVE BEEN CORRECTED, THEY WERE NOT CORRECTED ON
24 THESE EXPENSES. IT'S SMALL CHANGE, BUT IT SAYS A LOT BECAUSE
25 WE'VE HAD SO MANY PROBLEMS UP AND DOWN THE COUNTY, THAT IF THE



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1 BIG GUYS STEP UP, WE'LL ALL BE BETTER OFF FOR IT, I THINK.
2 ITEM NUMBER 9 IT'S FAIR HOUSING MONTH. WELL THAT'S GREAT.
3 THERE'S SOME CONCERN ABOUT THE GORDIAN GROUP, WHICH IS FOR
4 ITEM NUMBER 24. THE GORDIAN GROUP IS A JOB ORDER CONTRACTING
5 FIRM FROM SOUTH CAROLINA. THEY DO BIG BUSINESS, ACTUALLY. THEY
6 TAKE 1.9 PERCENT. BUT LAST WEEK AS YOU RECALL THEY TOOK FIVE
7 PERCENT OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S FIVE MILLION DOLLAR
8 PACKAGE. NOW, THIS, TODAY'S ITEM PRETTY MUCH ASKS FOR ANOTHER
9 THIRTY MILLION DOLLARS' WORTH OF JOB ORDER CONTRACTS. WE HAVE
10 APPARENTLY UNTAPPED FIFTY MILLION OVER ON THE SIDE. SO WE'RE
11 INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF CONTRACTS WHICH THESE CONTRACTORS
12 THEN KIND OF CLICK OFF BOXES IN A GIANT DATABASE. THE IDEA IS
13 TO ENSURE FAIRNESS. THE PROBLEM IS THAT IT EXCLUDES ANY
14 MEANINGFUL INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC. YOU CAN'T ACTUALLY SEE IT IN
15 THE WAY YOU WOULD ORDINARILY SEE A REGULAR BID. SO YOU'VE GOT
16 THIS GIANT STACK OF PHONE BOOKS AND A BUNCH OF GUYS WORKING
17 WITH PUBLIC WORKS. IT'S NOT UP OUR ALLEY. WE THINK IT'S A
18 PROBLEM. ITEM 13 IS THE BUDGET ON THE AB-109 STUFF. IT'S A
19 REQUEST FOR ANOTHER 50 MILLION OF THE MONEY THAT'S BEEN
20 ALLOTTED ALREADY. I LOOKED AT IT AND I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY
21 130 DOLLARS FOR A FLASHLIGHT AND WE'RE GETTING 25,000 WORTH OF
22 THEM MAKES ANY SENSE. AND I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE'RE BUYING
23 88 CARS FOR THIS PROCESS. I MEAN, LAST WEEK OR A COUPLE WEEKS
24 AGO, ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR GOT INVOLVED WITH OUR HOUSING
25 AUTHORITY. WE HAD 80 CARS THERE. MAYBE WE COULD REDEPLOY THE



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1 CARS WE'RE GETTING RID OF IN FAVOR OF SOME RENTALS THAT HAVE
2 BEEN SET UP BY THE ENGLANDER, KNABE & ALLEN FIRM. THEY
3 REPRESENT ENTERPRISE. AND THEY CAME TO US WITH THIS SECTION 8,
4 THEY HAD FIVE VEHICLES FOR THAT IN 2010. CAN WE NOT SHRINK
5 SOME OF THESE DOLLARS DOWN? I HATE TO SEE 5,000 DOLLARS FOR A
6 CUBICLE, ALSO.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. THANK YOU.
9 THIS ITEM IS GOING TO BE REFERRED BACK TO THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE,
10 ITEM 13, IN ANY CASE. ON ITEM 13? OKAY. WE'LL CALL THEM AS
11 SOON AS WE'RE DONE. LET ME CALL THEM NOW. JOSEPH MAIZLISH, AND
12 MARY SUTTON. MR. SALDANA?

13

14 **RON SALDANA:** THANK YOU, HONORABLE CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE
15 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS RON SALDANA. I'M HERE THIS
16 MORNING REPRESENTING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISPOSAL
17 ASSOCIATION. WE'RE A TRADE ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING SOLID
18 WASTE HAULERS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE ALSO REPRESENT
19 FACILITY OPERATORS AND OWNERS. WE ALSO REPRESENT SUPPLIERS TO
20 THE INDUSTRY. OUR ISSUES THIS MORNING ON NUMBER 20 IS TO BE
21 HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE NONEXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT THAT'S
22 IN FRONT OF YOU FOR COMMERCIAL WASTE COLLECTION IN THE COUNTY
23 OF LOS ANGELES. WE ARE FULLY IN SUPPORT OF THIS AGREEMENT. WE
24 WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A SECOND JUST TO COMMEND THE ELECTED PUBLIC
25 OFFICIALS, THE ADMINISTRATORS AND THE STAFF OF LOS ANGELES



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1 COUNTY FOR THEIR WORK ON THIS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT. THEY SPENT
2 A LOT OF TIME WORKING WITH INDUSTRY AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS.
3 THEY SPENT A LOT OF TIME LOOKING AT OUR COMMENTS AND GOING
4 BACK AND MAKING SOME CHANGES WHERE APPROPRIATE. SO WE THINK
5 THAT THIS IS A VERY GOOD AGREEMENT. AND THE BASIS FOR THIS
6 AGREEMENT IS THAT IT'S A NONEXCLUSIVE COMMERCIAL COLLECTION
7 AGREEMENT. AND WE BELIEVE VERY STRONGLY AND WE THINK THAT
8 THERE'S A LOT OF STUDIES, WE KNOW THAT THERE'S A LOT OF
9 STUDIES THAT WILL BACK US UP THAT UNDER A NONEXCLUSIVE
10 COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT, THE BUSINESSES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARE
11 GOING TO CONTINUE TO BE ABLE TO HAVE COMPETITIVE, LOW RATES.
12 AND HIGH COMPETITIVE SERVICE. AND THIS IS WHAT COMES FROM A
13 NONEXCLUSIVE AGREEMENT. THIS IS WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING AT TODAY.
14 AND, AGAIN, WE'D LIKE TO THANK YOU AND THE STAFF OF LOS
15 ANGELES COUNTY FOR WORKING WITH US AND FOR COMING UP WITH THIS
16 VERY EXCELLENT AGREEMENT. THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. MAIZLISH?

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20 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** YES, SIR.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BEFORE YOU START, LET ME ASK
23 ERNEST SCHEPPARD, IS MR. SCHEPPARD HERE? ALL RIGHT. COME ON
24 UP. MR. MAIZLISH, YOU'RE UP.

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1 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** IS THERE GOING TO BE A PRESENTATION ON THIS
2 BEFORE I START?

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THERE WASN'T GOING TO BE. IT'S
5 BEING REFERRED BACK TO THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE.

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7 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** WELL THEN A FEW REMARKS THAT MIGHT FIT IN
8 WITH THAT.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** PERFECT.

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12 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** MY NAME IS JOSEPH MAIZLISH, MARRIAGE AND
13 FAMILY THERAPIST AND VOLUNTEER WORKER AT VARIOUS TIMES FOR
14 SOME OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. I WANT TO START OUT BY SAYING
15 FROM WHAT LITTLE I KNOW OF THIS PROGRAM OF THE SUPERVISORS,
16 SUPPORTING, GIVING SOME SPECIAL ACCESS TO SECTION 8 HOUSING
17 FOR RELEASED PRISONERS, I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD, NOT BECAUSE
18 THIS POPULATION SHOULD BE PLACED AHEAD OF ANY OTHERS IN
19 GENERAL, BUT THE STATE HAD BEEN SUPPLYING THEM WITH HOUSING
20 AND SUDDENLY IT'S GONE AND THEY'RE DROPPED BACK INTO SOCIETY.
21 SO I THINK SOME BOOST IS DEFINITELY IN ORDER. THAT CONNECTS ME
22 TO THE POINT THAT I'D LIKE TO HAVE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AS
23 YOU REVIEW THIS ITEM 13, AND THAT IS HERE'S AN EXAMPLE OF
24 HOUSING SUPPORT AS ONE OF THE KINDS OF THINGS THAT'S MOST
25 SUCCESSFUL AND I BELIEVE WE'LL HEAR MR. SCHEPPARD TALK ABOUT



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1 THAT. HE'LL LIKELY MENTION IT. IF NOT I WANT TO MENTION NOW
2 THE VARIOUS KINDS OF PROGRAMS THAT I UNDERSTAND ARE NOT LISTED
3 IN THIS ITEM 13 NOW ARE THE VERY THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN FOUND
4 TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN HELPING PEOPLE REINTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY.
5 AND IN A WAY, OF COURSE, HELPING PEOPLE WHO BEFORE THEY BECOME
6 VIOLATORS AND GET INVOLVED IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.
7 THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO SEE EMPHASIZED. I BELIEVE THAT IT'S
8 GOOD IN MONETARY TERMS, IT'S GOOD IN HUMANISTIC TERMS, IT'S
9 GOOD IN PROTECTION AND SAFETY FOR THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE AND
10 FOR OFFICERS, AS WELL, TO USE AS MUCH OF THAT 109 MONEY AS
11 POSSIBLE TO DEVELOP THE PROGRAM THAT WE KNOW ARE SUCCESSFUL,
12 WE MEANING EVERYBODY HERE. FOR THE REMAINING IF YOU CAN GIVE
13 IT TO MS. SUTTON BECAUSE SHE HAS STUDIED THIS IN SOME DETAIL.

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE DON'T BANK TIME THAT WAY BUT I
16 APPRECIATE IT. SHE'LL HAVE THREE MINUTES.

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18 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** PLEASE CONSIDER THE SPECIFIC PROGRAMS THAT
19 HAVE BEEN MENTIONED THAT ARE IN THE LETTER THAT WE OF
20 CALIFORNIANS UNITED FOR A RESPONSIBLE HAVE SUPPLIED ALL OF
21 YOUR OFFICES AND TALKED A LITTLE BIT TO YOUR JUSTICE DEPUTIES
22 ABOUT THAT'S THE KIND OF THING THAT WILL REALLY HELP RATHER
23 THAN REPEATING OLD THINGS THAT REALLY AREN'T SOLUTIONS.

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25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MS. SUTTON?



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2 **MARY SUTTON:** HI, I'M MARY SUTTON AND I'M REPRESENTING

3 CALIFORNIANS UNITED FOR A RESPONSIBLE BUDGET A STATEWIDE

4 ALLIANCE OF OVER 40 ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE STATE FIGHTING

5 PRISON AND JAIL EXPANSION. I JUST WANT TO REITERATE THAT CURB

6 DID SUBMIT A LETTER TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS JUSTICE

7 DEPUTIES LAST WEEK AT THE MEETING AND I'M HOPING THAT EVERY

8 SINGLE ONE OF YOU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAVE SEEN THAT LETTER

9 AND READ IT. IT SUMMARIZES THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF CURB AND

10 CITES REPORTS FROM THE A.C.L.U., THE VERA INSTITUTE, THE

11 JUSTICE POLICY INSTITUTE, THE RECENT LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

12 OFFICE AND CURB'S RECOMMENDATIONS THEMSELVES. AND WE HOPE YOU

13 WILL LOOK AT THIS BEFORE YOU DO ANY OF THE REALLOCATING OF

14 THIS MONEY, THOUGH OF COURSE THIS IS ALL VERY CONFUSING AND

15 LOOKS LIKE THE MONEY IN THE SECOND QUARTER WASN'T ALLOCATED,

16 YET OUR RECOMMENDATIONS SAY PLEASE REALLOCATE THIS MONEY TO

17 COMMUNITY SERVICE A.S.A.P., OTHERWISE THIS IS A SETUP. IF ALL

18 THIS MONEY GOES INTO SHERIFF AND POLICING, IS THERE NO MORAL

19 GROUND HERE? NO MORAL CODE THAT WE'RE GOING TO FOLLOW? WE HAVE

20 TO DO THE RIGHT THING. IF LOS ANGELES CONTINUES TO PUT MONEY

21 ONLY INTO POLICING AND LOCKUP SUPERVISION AND DOES NOT PUT A

22 THIRD OF THIS MONEY LIKE TULARE IS AND MERCED INTO COMMUNITY-

23 BASED SERVICES A.S.A.P., PEOPLE THAT CAN PROVIDE HOUSING AND

24 SERVICES TO THESE PEOPLE, IT'S A SETUP. THERE SEEMS TO BE A

25 DELIBERATE EFFORT TO MAKE SURE THE NUMBERS WILL MEET WHAT THEY



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1 ARE PROJECTING SO THAT THEY CAN PROVE THEY NEED PRISONS AND
2 MORE JAILS IN L.A. COUNTY. THIS ISN'T OKAY. WHEN IS THE PUBLIC
3 OPINION GOING TO WEIGH IN? I KNOW WE'RE A MEAGER GROUP HERE.
4 AND I KNOW THAT WE GET WRITTEN OFF. BUT WE REPRESENT A MUCH
5 BROADER ACROSS THE STATE AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THINGS ARE
6 TURNING AROUND. IF YOU GUYS OKAY THIS MUCH MONEY FOR MORE
7 POLICING IN L.A. COUNTY WITHOUT GIVING THESE NON-SERIOUS, NON-
8 VIOLENT, NON-SEX OFFENDERS A CHANCE IN THE COMMUNITY AND LET
9 THE COMMUNITY TAKE CARE OF THEM, IT'S OUTRAGEOUS. AND IT'S THE
10 WRONG THING TO DO. CURB HAS ALSO STARTED A CAMPAIGN TO REPEAL
11 A.B.-900, THE JAIL MONEY YOU WOULD ACCEPT FROM THE STATE, 100
12 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE WOMEN, 1,024 WOMEN'S BEDS UP IN
13 CASTAIC, THAT'S ONLY A THIRD OF THE BUDGET. THE BUDGET FOR
14 THAT JAIL WOULD BE 300 MILLION DOLLARS AT LEAST. THAT DOESN'T
15 INCLUDE PROGRAMMING. IT DOESN'T INCLUDE MAINTENANCE, IT
16 DOESN'T INCLUDE ANY OF THAT. THAT'S ONLY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION.
17 SO IF YOU LOOK AT THE APPLICATION, WHICH WE GOT OUR HANDS ON,
18 THE APPLICATION AND THE JUSTIFICATION FOR BUILDING 1,000 JAIL
19 BEDS FOR WOMEN THAT ARE NON-SERIOUS, NON-- THESE WOMEN SHOULD
20 BE AT HOME. AND A.B.-109 GIVES YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE THE
21 MONEY TO COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, TO TAKE PEOPLE OFF
22 PAROLE. THE STATE PASSED SB-XXX-18 LOOK AT THAT. NONREVOCABLE
23 PAROLE. PEOPLE DO NOT HAVE TO BE ON PROBATION.
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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME IS UP. THANK YOU, MS.
2 SUTTON.

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4 **MARY SUTTON:** THEY CAN BE RELEASED TO THE COMMUNITY.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. SCHEPPARD.

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8 **ERNEST SCHEPPARD:** THANK YOU. I WAS RECENTLY RELEASED TO THE
9 COMMUNITY MYSELF. AND I WAS ASKED TO, BY SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS
10 TO SPEAK TO YOU AND LEND MY VOICE AND LEND MY EXPERIENCE TO
11 YOU PEOPLE SO THAT YOU CAN HAVE AWARENESS OF THIS ITEM OF THE
12 PICTURE CONCERNING WHEN A GUY IS ACTUALLY RELEASED FROM
13 PRISON. I HAVE BEEN IN PRISON 45 YEARS. AND I WAS RELEASED
14 FROM PRISON, AND I FELT LIKE HELPLESS, YOU KNOW, IN TERMS OF
15 ATTEMPTING TO REINTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY. I WENT TO MY PAROLE
16 OFFICER AND I ASKED MY PAROLE OFFICER FOR ASSISTANCE ON BASIC
17 ISSUES. AND MY PAROLE OFFICER TOLD ME THAT THEY HADN'T HAD A
18 BUS TOKEN IN THE OFFICE FOR EIGHT YEARS. AND IT JUST FILLED ME
19 WITH A LOT OF FRUSTRATION. AND IF IT WASN'T FOR A LOT OF THESE
20 SELF-HELP GROUPS THAT GOT ME AND GAVE ME A TAP CARD, HELPED ME
21 GET AN I.D. CARD AND MY SOCIAL SECURITY CARD AND GET FOCUSED
22 ON GETTING A DRIVER'S LICENSE AND GETTING MYSELF IN ORDER,
23 THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED. WHEN A PERSON
24 JUST GETS OUT OF PRISON, IT'S A VERY FRAGILE AND VULNERABLE
25 TIME FOR HIM. JUST LIKE THAT STORIES ABOUT RIP VAN WINKLE WENT



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1 TO SLEEP FOR 20 YEARS AND THEN HE WOKE UP, PEOPLE HELPED HIM.
2 AND I HOPE THAT WHEN YOU GET YOUR AGENDAS PRIORITIZED, THAT
3 YOU WOULD PRIORITIZE JUST BASIC ASSISTANCE CONCERNING GUYS
4 REENTERING SOCIETY, LIKE GIVE THEM A TAP CARD. IT'S ESSENTIAL
5 FOR THEM TO HAVE AN IDENTIFICATION CARD SO WE CAN MEET WITH
6 THE PEOPLE IN SOCIETY ON LIKE AN EQUITABLE BASIS, PROVIDE US
7 WITH SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS. THESE ARE THE BASIC THINGS, NOT
8 REAL EXPENSIVE THINGS, BUT IT MEANS A WHOLE LOT TO US
9 REENTERING SOCIETY. A LOT OF GUYS THAT GET OUT, THEY DON'T
10 WANT TO REOFFEND. A LOT OF GUYS WANT TO BE SUCCESSFUL. AL AND
11 ALL THEY NEED IS JUST A LITTLE HELP TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN. IF
12 THE GUYS GET RELEASED GO BACK TO PRISON, THEN THIS WHOLE THING
13 IS A FAILURE. I BELIEVE WE OUGHT TO MAKE A PRIORITY SITUATION
14 TO HELP THE GUYS GET RELEASED WITH PRACTICAL PROGRAMS FROM THE
15 COMMUNITY, JUST LIKE WHAT HELPED ME. AND I'M DOING GOOD RIGHT
16 NOW THANKS TO THESE LITTLE ORGANIZATIONS. SO I HOPE THAT YOU
17 JUST TAKE MY LITTLE STORY TO HEART. AND PLEASE CONSIDER
18 ALLOCATING SOME OF THOSE FUNDS TO THE PRACTICAL HANDS-ON
19 COMMUNITY-BASED GROUPS THAT ASSIST. THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. SCHEPPARD. ALL
22 RIGHT. IS MR. SACHS HERE? ARNOLD SACHS? OKAY. SO LET'S GO
23 AHEAD WITH THE ITEMS THAT --

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25 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE APPROVING?



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT WE'RE APPROVING.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 1-PA, ITEM 1-H, ITEM NUMBER 1. EXCUSE
5 ME, ON ITEM NUMBER 1, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ALINA BOKDE WHICH
6 WILL BE REFERRED BACK TO SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S OFFICE. ON ITEM
7 NUMBER 2, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
8 ARE ABSTAINING FROM THE VOTE. ITEM NUMBER 3, ITEM NUMBER 9,
9 10. ITEM NUMBER 13 IS BEING REFERRED BACK TO THE CHIEF
10 EXECUTIVE OFFICER. ITEM 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 24, 34 AND 36-A,
11 THOSE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
14 MOVES. KNABE SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM NUMBER 2. AND IF
17 I COULD GET A SEPARATE VOTE BECAUSE SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
18 AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ARE ABSTAINING?

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOLINA MOVES. I'LL SECOND. WITH
21 ANTONOVICH AND RIDLEY-THOMAS ABSTAINING. IT PASSES WITH 3
22 VOTES.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. AND THAT COMPLETES THE ITEMS IF
2 YOU WANT TO GO TO ADJOURNMENTS. OH, I'M SORRY. WE JUST
3 APPROVED 36-A.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE JUST APPROVED IT. ALL RIGHT.
6 RIDLEY-THOMAS MOVES I'LL SECOND RECONSIDERATION OF ITEM 36A
7 AND BEFORE WE GET TO THAT I'LL TURN IT OVER TO MR. RIDLEY-
8 THOMAS FOR ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. PLEASE JOIN ME IN
11 ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF BISHOP GREGORY L. DIXON, SPIRITUAL
12 LEADER AND PASTOR OF THE FIRST CHURCH OF GOD CENTER OF HOPE IN
13 INGLEWOOD WHO PASSED ON APRIL THE SIXTH REPORTEDLY FROM A
14 HEART ATTACK WHILE IN FLIGHT TO DELIVER THE EULOGY AT A MEMBER
15 OF HIS DENOMINATION. HE WAS HIGHLY REGARDED FOR HIS BIBLICAL
16 KNOWLEDGE AND COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY ADVOCACY.
17 HE SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF
18 MINISTRY, A TRUSTEE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF AZUSA PACIFIC AND WAS
19 THE FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF EAGLES WINGS EVANGELISTIC
20 MINISTRIES. MANY OF US ARE SHOCKED BY THE PASSING OF BISHOP
21 DIXON AND WILL CELEBRATE HIS HOME-GOING NEXT WEEK. WE EXTEND
22 OUR PROFOUND SYMPATHIES TO HIS WIFE, BARBARA, TWO CHILDREN AND
23 SEVERAL GRANDCHILDREN AND TO THE ENTIRE FAMILY MEMBERS AT THE
24 FIRST CHURCH OF GOD. MR. CHAIRMAN, BISHOP GREGORY L. DIXON.
25 ALL MEMBERS, PLEASE. AND THEN MARK H. AYERS, PRESIDENT OF THE



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1 BUILDING CONSTRUCTION TRADES, PRESIDENT OF THE AFL-CIO. HE
2 PASSED ON APRIL THE EIGHTH. BORN IN PEORIA, ILLINOIS, KNOWN BY
3 ALL AROUND HIM AS A JOYFUL AND KIND SOUL, HE DEVOTED 36 YEARS
4 OF SERVICE TO THE AMERICAN LABOR MOVEMENT, ATTENDED THE GEORGE
5 MEANY INSTITUTE FOR LABOR STUDIES NOW KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL
6 LABOR COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN AND UNIVERSITY OF
7 ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS. THE
8 IDEALS AND VALUES THAT SHAPED HIS PROFESSIONAL CAREER WERE
9 SHAPED THROUGH HIS SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY AS A VIETNAM ERA
10 NAVAL AVIATOR. HE WAS A LABOR LEADER OF VISION AND INNOVATION,
11 PASSION AND INTEGRITY. MR. AYERS LEAVES HIS WIFE, TWO
12 DAUGHTERS AND FIVE GRANDCHILDREN. AND WE ACKNOWLEDGE HIM WITH
13 A GREAT DEGREE OF RESPECT FOR THE WAY IN WHICH HE CONDUCTED
14 HIMSELF IN THE BUSINESS ON BEHALF OF WORKING MEN AND WOMEN IN
15 THE TRADES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. MARK H. AYERS,
16 MR. CHAIRMAN.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** UNANIMOUS VOTE. I HAVE THREE
19 ADJOURNING MOTIONS. FIRST I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN
20 THE MEMORY OF DAVID BAILEY, MEMBER OF THE COUNTY FAMILY, A
21 FIREFIGHTER WHO SERVED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT
22 WHO COLLAPSED AND DIED TRAGICALLY AND UNEXPECTEDLY AT THE AGE
23 OF 50 DURING TRAINING EXERCISE WHILE ON DUTY. A RESIDENT OF
24 ACTON, HE JOINED THE DEPARTMENT IN 1994, SERVING FIRST AT FIRE
25 STATION 94 IN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AND LATER TRANSFERRING TO



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1 ROSEMEAD, VALENCIA, LANCASTER, HAWTHORNE, PARAMOUNT, THE
2 COMMUNITY OF CANYON COUNTRY AND FINALLY IN PALMDALE. BEGINNING
3 AS A FIREFIGHTER, HE ROSE THROUGH THE RANKS TO BECOME A
4 FIREFIGHTER SPECIALIST AND FINALLY A FIRE CAPTAIN. HIS CAREER
5 HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE TRAINING IN SWIFT WATER RESCUE, TEACHING
6 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE RECRUITS AT THE
7 FIRE ACADEMY, SERVING AS A FIRE CREW SUPERVISOR AT THE FIRE
8 CAMPS, MEMBER OF THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TASKFORCE AND MEMBER
9 OF THE URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE TASK FORCE THAT WAS DEPLOYED TO
10 BOTH HURRICANE KATRINA AND THE EARTHQUAKE TSUNAMI DISASTER IN
11 JAPAN. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE LISA, HIS MOTHER MARJORIE
12 AND A SISTER MARY JANE BONILLA AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS AND
13 HIS MANY COLLEAGUES IN THE FIRE FIGHTING COMMUNITY. ALL
14 MEMBERS ON THAT. WE LOWERED THE FLAGS LAST WEEK AND WILL
15 REMAIN LOWERED HALF STAFF UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF BUSINESS
16 TOMORROW. HIS FUNERAL IS TOMORROW. FANNY FAY SAMULON RECENTLY
17 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 95, A CHERISHED MATRIARCH OF THE
18 EXTENDED SAMULON FAMILY. SHE WAS A BELOVED WIFE, MOTHER, GRAND
19 GRANDMOTHER AND GREAT GRANDMOTHER. A DENTIST BY PROFESSION SHE
20 WAS AN ENERGETIC AND DEDICATED VOLUNTEER AND ACTIVE IN HER
21 COMMUNITY, AND A PERPETUAL STUDENT, EVER CURIOUS AND ALWAYS
22 EAGER TO LEARN. SHE IS SURVIVED BY TWO SONS, ELLIOTT AND FRED,
23 FIVE GRANDCHILDREN, MICHAEL, REBECCA, ERIC, DANIELLE AND
24 ANDREA, AND SEVERAL GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND OTHER FAMILY
25 MEMBERS AND MANY FRIENDS. LIONEL FOGELMAN A LONG TIME RESIDENT



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1 OF OUR DISTRICT IN BEVERLY HILLS, A PROMINENT EXECUTIVE IN THE
2 CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AND THE PRINCIPAL WITH HIS WIFE AND THE
3 FIRM THEY FOUNDED WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY. HE IS SURVIVED BY
4 HIS WIFE SYLVIA, WHO IS PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
5 OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOSTER FAMILY AND ADOPTION AGENCY AND A
6 FORMER MEMBER OF THE COUNTY FAMILY IN THE FIELD OF SOCIAL WORK
7 ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS
8 VOTE. MR. KNABE?

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10 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I'D
11 LIKE TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A LONG TIME FRIEND, VICK _____.
12 WE'VE KNOWN HE AND HIS WIFE, JULIE AND I, FOR OVER 30 YEARS
13 AND PASSED AWAY LAST WEEK. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FRANK
14 WRAY, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF ARTESIA. PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY IN
15 HIS SLEEP. AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS "BOONE," HE WAS VERY
16 INVOLVED AT THE ARTESIA METHODIST CHURCH, A JOURNEYMAN
17 PLUMBER. HE HAD TWO BANDS, BOONE AND THE KENTUCKIANS AND THE
18 COUNTRY GENTLEMEN. HE WAS ALSO KNOWN NATIONALLY FOR RAISING
19 PIGEONS ESPECIALLY FOR CREATING A SPECIAL BREED. HE'S SURVIVED
20 BY HIS WIFE OF 65 YEARS, EDITH, A LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY,
21 SON-IN-LAWS KAY AND GEORGE COTTRELL, KAREN WOOD, KATHY AND
22 TERRY KESSLER, CINDY WRAY, NINE GRANDCHILDREN AND ONE GREAT
23 GRANDDAUGHTER. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CORPORAL
24 ROBERTO CAZAREZ, 23-YEAR-OLD MARINE FROM HARBOR CITY, WAS
25 KILLED IN AFGHANISTAN WHILE CONDUCTING COMBAT OPERATIONS. HE



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1 DIED IN THE HELMAND PROVINCE OF AFGHANISTAN. HE WAS A LIGHT
2 ARMORED VEHICLE CREW MEMBER ASSIGNED TO THE 1ST LIGHT ARMORED
3 RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION, FIRST MARINE DIVISION. HE JOINED THE
4 MARINES IN JULY OF 2006. HE WAS IN HIS FIRST DEPLOYMENT TO
5 AFGHANISTAN. HIS DECORATIONS INCLUDE THE NAVY AND MARINE CORPS
6 ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL. SEA SERVICE DEPLOYMENT RIBBON. AFGHANISTAN
7 MEDAL, GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE MEDAL, NATIONAL DEFENSE
8 SERVICE MEDAL AND NAVY MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION. SURVIVED
9 BY HIS MOTHER, FATHER AND THREE SIBLINGS. AND FINALLY THAT WE
10 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SANDY NELSON, MY COUSIN, WHO PASSED AWAY
11 PEACEFULLY AFTER A LONG STRUGGLE WITH CANCER WITH HER FAMILY
12 AT HER SIDE. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND DARRYL, CHILDREN,
13 GRANDCHILDREN. AND OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THE
14 ENTIRE NELSON FAMILY. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.
17 WERE YOU HOLDING?

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19 **SUP. KNABE:** I WAS HOLDING AN ITEM.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NUMBER 9 OR 6 I'M SORRY.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO, IF I CAN, CALL UP ITEM NUMBER 6. THIS
24 IS A MOTION SUPPORTING THE CASE ACT. AND I KNOW WE'VE ALL MADE
25 COMMENTS IN THIS UPSETTING TO ALL OF US. OBVIOUSLY WE'RE



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1 EXTREMELY OUTRAGED THAT THERE ARE INDIVIDUALS OUT THERE
2 PREYING ON OUR MOST VULNERABLE GIRLS IN OUR SOCIETY, FORCING
3 THEM TO SELL THEIR BODIES ON THE STREETS. BEFORE I LEARNED
4 MORE ABOUT THIS, LIKE MOST PEOPLE, I HAD JUST ASSUMED THAT
5 CHILD PROSTITUTION AND SEX TRAFFICKING WAS SOMETHING THAT
6 HAPPENS IN THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES, BUT THIS IS HAPPENING RIGHT
7 HERE IN OUR OWN BACKYARD, IN OUR OWN COMMUNITIES. AND WE CAN
8 ABSOLUTELY NOT STAND FOR IT. THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING FOR YOUR
9 SUPPORT TO ENDORSE THE CASE ACT. THIS WILL BE THE TOUGHEST
10 HUMAN TRAFFICKING LAW IN THE COUNTRY AND WOULD GIVE LAW
11 ENFORCEMENT STRONGER TOOLS TO BRING THESE PIMPS AND JOHNS TO
12 JUSTICE. THE CASE ACT INCREASES PRISON TERMS, REQUIRES
13 CONVICTED SEX TRAFFICKERS TO REGISTER AS SEX OFFENDERS.
14 REQUIRES ALL REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS TO DISCLOSE THEIR
15 INTERNET ACCOUNTS. REQUIRES CRIMINAL FINES FOR CONVICTED HUMAN
16 TRAFFICKERS TO BE USED TO PAY FOR SERVICES TO HELP THESE
17 VICTIMS. OBVIOUSLY THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING. WE'LL PLAN TO
18 CONTINUE TO RAISE THIS TRAVESTY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH D.A., THE
19 SHERIFF, AND PROBATION DEPARTMENT. AS YOU KNOW RECENTLY WE
20 DEDICATED A COURTROOM AT THE COMPTON COURTHOUSE TO DEAL WITH
21 THIS VERY, VERY SPECIFIC ISSUE, WHICH IS A BIG START. AND I'M
22 GOING TO ASK , I BELIEVE SHE SIGNED UP, DAPHNE PHUNG FROM THE
23 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CALIFORNIA AGAINST SLAVERY AND ONE OF
24 THE DRIVING FORCES BEHIND THE CASE ACT, IF YOU WOULD JOIN ME
25 UP HERE, ALONG WITH WILLIAM GAILEY, POLITICAL DIRECTOR FOR THE



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1 CARE ACT IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. AND JUST THANK YOU FOR
2 THEY'RE FROM NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. THEY MADE THE TRIP DOWN, AND
3 I APPRECIATE YOU TAKING THE TIME, WHAT? THREE MINUTES, MR.
4 CHAIR?

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THIS PUBLIC?

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** NO. IT'S ALL YOURS.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR WITNESS, AS THEY SAY.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. DAPHNE, GO AHEAD.

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14 **DAPHNE PHUNG:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME HERE. MY NAME
15 IS DAPHNE PHUNG, I'M THE FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
16 CALIFORNIA AGAINST SLAVERY. IT IS A HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION
17 LOCATED IN THE BAY AREA. A FEW YEARS AGO I LEFT MY JOB AT EBAY
18 WITH THE ASPIRATION OF STARTING MY OWN COMPANY. BUT THAT PLAN
19 WAS QUICKLY DISRUPTED WHEN I SAW A DOCUMENTARY ON MSNBC ABOUT
20 SEX SLAVES IN AMERICA, WHICH LEFT ME WITH PROFOUND ANGER. AND
21 I WASN'T PROFOUNDLY ANGRY THAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING HAPPENS IN
22 THIS COUNTRY BECAUSE AT THAT POINT, I ALREADY AM AWARE OF THE
23 ISSUE. WHAT I WAS PROFOUNDLY ANGRY WITH WAS THE FACT THAT OUR
24 JUDICIAL AND LEGAL SYSTEM, WHICH IS THE LAST RESORT, THE
25 BEACON OF HOPE FOR VICTIMS OF THIS HEINOUS CRIME, ISN'T THERE



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1 TO PROTECT AND TO PROVIDE JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING.
2 SO INSTEAD OF STARTING UP A COMPANY, I STARTED A GRASSROOTS
3 HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION CALLED CALIFORNIA AGAINST SLAVERY.
4 WE PARTNERED WITH DISABLED CALIFORNIA FOUNDATION RECENTLY TO
5 PUT INITIATIVE ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT. IT'S CALLED
6 CALIFORNIANS AGAINST SEXUAL EXPLOITATION ACT. WHICH IS SLATED
7 FOR NOVEMBER. THE ACT WOULD DO TO PUSH BACK ON HUMAN
8 TRAFFICKERS AND ONLINE PREDATORS. EVERY DAY THOUSANDS OF WOMEN
9 AND CHILDREN ARE FORCED TO SELL THEIR BODIES ON OUR STREETS ON
10 THE INTERNET, HERE IN CALIFORNIA. THE AVERAGE AGE OF ENTRY FOR
11 THESE VICTIMS INTO THE SEX TRADE IS 12 TO 14 YEARS OLD. THESE
12 GIRLS SHOULD BE WORRIED ABOUT THEIR ALGEBRA PROBLEMS AND NOT
13 WORRIED ABOUT HOW THEY'RE GOING TO MAKE THE MONEY THAT NIGHT
14 SO THAT THEY WON'T BE BEATEN OR SO THAT THEY CAN HAVE SOME
15 FOOD TO EAT. THE MAJORITY OF THESE VICTIMS ARE IN OUR PUBLIC
16 CARE SYSTEM, THEY ARE IN OUR FOSTER CARE SYSTEM. THEY ARE
17 UNDER OUR CARE. WE ARE THEIR PARENTS. AND WE'RE NOT DOING A
18 GOOD JOB IN PROTECTING THEM. THE F.B.I. IDENTIFIED THREE AREAS
19 IN CALIFORNIA THAT THEY TERM AS HIGH INTENSITY CHILD SEX
20 TRAFFICKING AREAS: THEY ARE LOS ANGELES, SAN DIEGO AND SAN
21 FRANCISCO. CALIFORNIA IS A MAJOR HUB FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING,
22 PARTICULARLY OF CHILDREN, OUR OWN CHILDREN. AND AS I
23 MENTIONED, CHILDREN WHO ARE UNDER OUR CARE. AND WE NEED TO
24 STOP THAT TREND. WE NEED TO STOP ACCEPTING THE FACT THAT THESE
25 CHILDREN WHO CANNOT CONSENT TO SEX CAN BE ARRESTED FOR



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1 PROSTITUTION. WE CANNOT ACCEPT THE FACT THAT A TRAFFICKER CAN
2 GET LESS YEARS FOR TRAFFICKING DRUGS THAN TRAFFICKING MINORS.
3 THAT'S WHY THROUGHOUT THIS STATE, LOCAL ENFORCEMENT HAVE
4 CONSISTENTLY TOLD US THAT LOCAL GANGS ARE MOVING FROM SELLING
5 DRUGS TO SELLING CHILDREN AND WOMEN, BECAUSE THEY CAN SELL A
6 CHILD OVER AND OVER AGAIN, BUT THEY CAN ONLY SELL A BAG OF
7 DRUGS ONCE. AND IT IS INSANE THAT WE HAVE TO REFLECT AS A
8 SOCIETY. I STARTED CALIFORNIANS AGAINST SLAVERY WITH A VISION
9 OF EMPOWERING CITIZENS LIKE MYSELF TO STOP THIS HEINOUS CRIME
10 THAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. AND BY RECOGNIZING THIS
11 ISSUE AND BY MAKING SURE THAT OUR LAWS, OUR JUDICIAL SYSTEM IS
12 PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN, IT'S IMPORTANT NOT JUST TO ME BUT TO
13 SO MANY CITIZENS. WE WERE ABLE TO COLLECT 875,000 SIGNATURES
14 IN A VERY SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME. NOT BECAUSE WE HAVE A LOT OF
15 PEOPLE, BUT BECAUSE PEOPLE CARE ABOUT THIS ISSUE AND THE
16 PEOPLE WANT SOMETHING TO BE DONE WITH THIS ISSUE. AND I THINK
17 THAT YOUR ENDORSEMENT IS SO KEY TO OUR SUCCESS AND I THANK YOU
18 SO MUCH FOR LETTING ME SPEAK HERE AND TO SHARE HOW IMPORTANT
19 THIS IS NOT JUST TO ME BUT TO MILLIONS OF CALIFORNIANS.

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU AGAIN FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COME DOWN.
22 WILLIAM?

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24 **WILLIAM GAILEY:** YES. MY NAME IS WILLIAM GAILEY AND I'M HERE
25 REPRESENTING CHRIS KELLY, WHO IS ONE OF THE PROPONENTS OF THE



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1 CASE ACT. HE'S UNFORTUNATELY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. TODAY. I AM
2 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HIS FOUNDATION, WHICH IS A
3 FOUNDATION THAT PROTECTS CALIFORNIANS AGAINST CRIMINAL
4 EXPLOITATION. HE IS THE CHIEF FINANCIAL BACKER FOR THE CASE
5 ACT. AND HE RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS YOUR SUPPORT IN THE MOTION
6 BEFORE YOU TODAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU BOTH FOR COMING DOWN. THANK YOU TO
9 CHRIS. MAKE SURE YOU LET HIM KNOW WE APPRECIATE HIS SUPPORT OF
10 THIS. I WOULD JUST SAY BEFORE I MOVE THE ITEM, FIRST OF ALL
11 LOCALLY IN ADDITION TO THIS ACTION TODAY, A.L.A.D.S. OUR
12 ASSOCIATION OF DEPUTY SHERIFFS HAVE TAKEN A POSITION OF
13 SUPPORT FOR THE CASE ACT, TOO, ALONG WITH MANY OTHER LAW
14 ENFORCEMENT ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND HERE
15 LOCALLY. BUT I ALSO WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT FOR TWO PROBATION
16 OFFICERS, MICHELLE GUYMAN AND _____ CARDENEZ WHO HAVE BROUGHT
17 THIS YOU TO THE FOREFRONT HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY APPLYING
18 FOR GRANTS AND PUTTING PROGRAMS TOGETHER WHERE WHO ARE THE
19 REAL PUSH IS BEHIND THE ABILITY TO ISOLATE A COURTROOM TO DEAL
20 WITH THIS VERY, VERY SPECIFIC ISSUE SO THESE YOUNG GIRLS DON'T
21 HAVE TO DO IT IN FRONT OF AN OPEN, YOU KNOW, IN A COURT WHERE
22 YOU HAVE ALL KINDS OF CASES GOING ON. AND TO MICHELLE AND
23 _____, A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT AND THANKING THEM FOR BRINGING TO
24 IT MY ATTENTION AND HEIGHTENED THE AWARENESS. AND TO BOTH OF
25 YOU, OBVIOUSLY, THIS ACT IS VERY IMPORTANT. AND WISH YOU LUCK.



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1 AND THANK YOU AGAIN FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COME DOWN HERE. WE
2 APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH.

3

4 **WILLIAM GAILEY:** THANK YOU, SIR.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** WITH THAT, MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE THE ITEM.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.
9 WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO JOIN IN THE ADJOURNMENT FOR FIRE
12 CAPTAIN, DAVID BAILEY, WHO WAS THE RESIDENT OF ACTON. RAMON
13 GIBSON PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 29TH AND HE WAS THE CREATOR OF THE
14 SHAKY QUAKEY EARTHQUAKE SIMULATOR WE INITIATED BACK IN 1981.
15 AND THEN JUST ABOUT A MONTH AGO, WE HAD THE TWO NEW SHAKY
16 QUAKEY SIMULATORS THAT WERE BEING SENT OUT TO OUR VARIOUS
17 SCHOOLS TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN ABOUT SAFETY AND EARTHQUAKES.
18 LOUIS GRIECO, JR. PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 75. HE SERVED IN
19 THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS. TAUGHT AT CARTHAGE CENTRAL
20 HIGH AND ALSO AT JEFFERSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE. HE'S SURVIVED BY
21 HIS WIFE LINDA AND HIS SON, BROTHER AND SISTER AND UNCLE
22 RICHARD GRIECO. FREDERICK FERNANDO "FRED" CONTRERES. SERVED
23 WITH COVINA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AS AN ENGLISH
24 INSTRUCTOR AND VARSITY BASKETBALL COACH. ALSO AT NORTH VIEW
25 HIGH SCHOOL, TRAWEEK JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, AND ROWLAND AVENUE



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1 JUNIOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. REVEREND DR. WILLIAM FOREMAN, HE WAS
2 THE HEAD OF THE PASTOR OF THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF
3 CANOGA PARK. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE KAREN AND THEIR THREE
4 CHILDREN. HARLAN "STEW" HARRISON, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF
5 85, LONG TIME RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, 48-YEAR MEMBER
6 OF THE ELKS LODGE. CORA LOU JACOBSON PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE
7 UNEXPECTEDLY OF 62 AFTER WORKING 19 YEARS AT CHARTER OAKS
8 SCHOOL DISTRICT AS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE
9 SUPERINTENDENT AND 10 YEARS AT THE GLENDORA POLICE DEPARTMENT.
10 AND WILLIAM LESTER RYAN, HE'S RETIRED FROM THE "SAN GABRIEL
11 VALLEY TRIBUNE" IN 1992. HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN BRINGING POP
12 WARNER FOOTBALL TO GLENDORA. AND VICTORIA BENNETT, RESIDENT OF
13 SAUGUS AND WAS A SHERIFF DEPUTY, ASSISTANT AT PITCHESS
14 DETENTION CENTER IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. THOSE ARE MY
15 ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON 36-A I HAD ASKED THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER,
20 WENDY WATANABE A COUPLE QUESTIONS IF WENDY IS HERE?

21
22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, SHE'S COMING.
23



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE QUESTION, WENDY, AND FIRST TO THE COUNTY
2 COUNSEL, THERE'S NO PROBLEM IN ASKING AN AUDIT OF A TAX
3 ASSESSOR, IS THAT CORRECT?

4

5 **JOHN KRATTLI, COUNSEL:** NONE WHATSOEVER. THE GOVERNMENT CODE
6 VERY CLEARLY PROVIDES THAT YOUR BOARD HAS THE ABSOLUTE RIGHT
7 TO DIRECT THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO CONDUCT SUCH AN AUDIT.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT ARE YOUR PARAMETERS IN THIS CURRENT
10 TOP-DOWN AUDIT THAT YOU HAVE? OR DO YOU HAVE ANY?

11

12 **WENDY WATANABE:** YES, SIR. MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
13 BOARD. AUDITOR-CONTROLLER WENDY WATANABE. CURRENTLY, WE ARE
14 REVIEWING A SECURE SYSTEM, SECURE PROPERTY TAX SYSTEM CONTROL,
15 WHICH IS JUST-- IT'S A SYSTEM ACCESS AND TRANSACTION
16 PROCESSING AND INTERFACE CONTROL. SO WE ARE NOT DOING A TOP-
17 DOWN AUDIT AT THIS MOMENT.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW COULD YOU DO A TOP-DOWN AUDIT?

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21 **WENDY WATANABE:** HOW CAN WE DO A TOP-DOWN AUDIT? WE WOULD
22 PROBABLY APPROACH IT AND TAKE THE ENTIRE DEPARTMENT. WE'LL
23 BREAK IT INTO TWO PARTS. THE FIRST PART WILL BE MORE OF THE --
24 WE'LL TAKE A LOOK AT THE SECURED PROPERTY TAX SYSTEM AND THE



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1 UNSECURE AS WELL AS THE COMPREHENSIVE FISCAL REVIEW. AND THAT
2 WILL BE PERFORMED BY INTERNAL AUDITOR-CONTROLLER.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND DO YOU HAVE THE SUFFICIENT EXPERTISE TO
5 PERFORM AN AUDIT OF THE TAX ASSESSMENTS, TAX FORECASTS?

6

7 **WENDY WATANABE:** WELL AS THE MOTION STATED, WE WILL RETAIN AND
8 MANAGE AN OUTSIDE CONSULTANT TO DO THE AUDIT. AND WE WOULD
9 TOUCH UPON PROBABLY THE VALUATION PROCESS AS WELL AS WE'LL
10 LOOK AT THE METHODOLOGY USED BY THE ASSESSOR. WE WILL PROBABLY
11 COMPARE THE BENCHMARKING AND LOOK AT THE ASSESSOR'S THE
12 CURRENT REVIEW AND CURRENT PRACTICE AND THEN COMPARE WITH
13 OTHER AGENCIES. AND WE'LL ALSO LOOK AT THE EXEMPTIONS. BUT
14 THESE WILL ALL BE DONE BY AN OUTSIDE CONSULTANT.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE TIME FRAME FOR THAT?

17

18 **WENDY WATANABE:** WE WILL APPROACH THIS, OF COURSE, AGGRESSIVELY
19 AND IMMEDIATELY. SO I WILL HAVE TO LOOK INTO IT AND REPORT
20 BACK TO YOUR BOARD WITH THE TIME ESTIMATE.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND BASED UPON THAT, WOULD YOU THEN RECOMMEND
23 A TOP-TO-BOTTOM AUDIT BE DONE?

24

25 **WENDY WATANABE:** ABSOLUTELY.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THOSE ARE MY QUESTIONS.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. I JUST WASN'T GOING TO
5 CALL THIS UP, BUT STAY THERE FOR A MINUTE. I RECEIVED A LETTER
6 YESTERDAY, I THINK WE ALL DID, FROM THE ASSESSOR, WHICH
7 INDICATED THAT A LOT OF WHAT'S CALLED FOR IN THE MOTION WAS
8 BEING DONE. TURNS OUT THAT'S NOT THE CASE. AND WENDY JUST
9 ADDRESSED A LITTLE BIT OF THAT. THIS WAS TRIGGERED PRIMARILY
10 BY THE RECENT PROPERTY TAX ROLLS PROJECTIONS BY THE ASSESSOR'S
11 OFFICE WHICH WERE JUST INCREDIBLY OFF. AND WHEN YOU LOOK INTO
12 THE INTERNAL NUMBERS OF WHAT CAUSED THE TAX ROLLS TO DROP FROM
13 18- THE INCREASE IN THE TAX ROLLS TO DROP FROM 18-1/2 BILLION
14 TO 5 BILLION, ROUGHLY 5 BILLION DOLLARS, A TWO-THIRDS
15 DECREASE, IT WAS FOCUSED ON THE LION'S SHARE, ALMOST ALL OF
16 THE WELL, ALMOST ALL OF THE CAUSE OF THAT DROP WAS IN THE
17 CATEGORY CALLED "CURRENT YEAR DECLINE IN VALUE", WHICH WENT
18 FROM IN DECEMBER A 2.6 BILLION DOLLAR ESTIMATED DECLINE IN
19 VALUE, IN MARCH IT WENT TO 13.4 BILLION DOLLARS IN PROJECTED
20 DECLINE IN VALUE. SO IN A SHORT THREE MONTHS, THE ESTIMATED
21 CURRENT YEAR DECLINE IN VALUE MADE A SIX FOLD SWING, WHICH IS
22 NO MATTER HOW YOU CUT IT, IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO ME OR
23 TO ANYBODY ELSE AROUND HERE. HOW COULD SOMEBODY HAVE BEEN SO
24 FAR OFF IN DECEMBER, IF THAT'S WHAT IT WAS, TO HAVE THIS KIND
25 OF A SIX-FOLD SWING BY MARCH? AND IF THE SWING IS LEGITIMATE,



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1 HOW DID SO MANY PROPERTIES GET RE-ASSESSED DOWNWARD IN THIS
2 THREE-MONTH PERIOD OF TIME? NO EVIDENCE THAT WE HAVE THAT
3 THERE'S ANY SIGNIFICANT OVERTIME EXPENDITURES IN THE
4 ASSESSOR'S OFFICE OR SPATE OF HIRING IN THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE
5 TO PROCESS ALL OF THESE REQUESTS. IT JUST HAPPENED. AND IT'S
6 PERPLEXING. IT'S CONFOUNDING. AND IT'S UNPRECEDENTED IN MY
7 TIME HERE AND FROM PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN AROUND HERE LONGER
8 THAN I HAVE, THEY'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING QUITE LIKE THIS,
9 EITHER. SO THAT'S WHAT TRIGGERED THIS. BUT THIS MAY BE A
10 SYMPTOM OF SOMETHING BIGGER. AND THAT'S WHAT THIS MOTION IS
11 DESIGNED TO ASK YOU TO LOOK MORE BROADLY THAN JUST AT THIS
12 PARTICULAR YOU TO SEE WHAT IS GOING ON IN THAT OFFICE THAT HAS
13 CREATED THIS SUDDEN, WHAT APPEARS TO BE SUDDEN, INSTABILITY OR
14 LACK OF ACCURACY OR HOWEVER WE WANT TO DESCRIBE IT. THERE MAY
15 BE AN ANSWER FOR IT. BUT WE'VE GOT TO FIND OUT WHAT THE STORY
16 IS, FIRST OF ALL, TO GET A BETTER ACCURATE READING ON THIS
17 FISCAL YEAR AS THE C.E.O. AND THE BOARD BEGIN TO DELIBERATE ON
18 THE BUDGET THIS MONTH, IN JUNE AND SEPTEMBER, BUT ALSO IN
19 FUTURE YEARS. THIS IS A NEW ASSESSOR, A NEW TEAM OF PEOPLE
20 THERE. WE CAN'T HAVE THIS KIND OF THING. NOT ONLY WE CAN'T
21 HAVE IT, BUT CITIES, THE 88 CITIES OF THIS COUNTY CAN'T HAVE
22 IT. THEY ALL RELY ON ACCURATE PROJECTIONS OF THE TAX ROLL. THE
23 FIRE DISTRICT, OUR OWN FIRE DISTRICT IS IMPACTED BY THIS. THE
24 FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT'S IMPACTED BY THIS. SPECIAL DISTRICTS,
25 SCHOOLS ARE ALL IMPACTED BY THIS. WE'VE GOT TO NIP THIS IN THE



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1 BUD AND RESTORE SOME SEMBLANCE OF CONFIDENCE TO THE
2 PROJECTIONS THAT THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE MAKES. THE ONE THING
3 I'VE ALWAYS APPRECIATED OF ALL THE ASSESSORS I'VE WORKED WITH
4 SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE, NOT PERSONALLY THE ASSESSOR BUT THE
5 ASSESSOR'S STAFF IS THEY ALL HAD THE SAME M.O., WHICH IS MAKE
6 CONSERVATIVE PROJECTIONS EARLY ON. AND IF THE PROJECTIONS TURN
7 OUT TO BE TOO CONSERVATIVE, NOBODY LOSES. IT'S JUST FROSTING
8 ON THE CAKE. IT'S A PLEASANT SURPRISE AT THE END OF THE YEAR.
9 BUT TO OVERESTIMATE AT THE BEGINNING AND THEN SEE IT PLUMMET
10 HAS THE OPPOSITE EFFECT. AND EVEN WHEN WE HAD CONSERVATIVE
11 ESTIMATES, THE SWING UPWARD WAS NEVER THIS DRAMATIC. IT WAS
12 NEVER A SIX FOLD INCREASE IN THE WHAT'S IT CALLED? CURRENT
13 YEAR DECLINE IN VALUE OR LACK OF DECLINE IN VALUE. THERE WAS
14 ALWAYS AN ATTEMPT TO BE ACCURATE, RIGOROUS, BUT NOT SEE THINGS
15 THROUGH ROSE COLORED GLASSES. SOMETHING HAS GONE HAYWIRE HERE.
16 SO THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE MOTION AND MY COLLEAGUE WILL SPEAK
17 TO IT HIMSELF IS TO FOCUS NOT JUST ON THIS ISSUE THAT AROSE
18 THIS PAST WEEK, BUT TO LOOK MORE BROADLY TO SEE IF THERE ARE
19 ANY STRUCTURAL ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED IN TERMS OF
20 COMPUTATION OF THESE PROJECTIONS AND THINGS, SO WE RESTORE OUR
21 CONFIDENCE AND THE PUBLIC'S CONFIDENCE, OUR CITY'S CONFIDENCE,
22 OUR SPECIAL DISTRICT'S CONFIDENCE THAT WHEN THE ASSESSOR SAYS
23 WE EXPECT A 1.7 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE TAX REVENUES THIS
24 COMING YEAR, THAT THEY CAN REST ASSURED THAT IT'S GOING TO BE



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1 CLOSE TO THAT AND CERTAINLY NOT .49 PERCENT 5 MINUTES AFTER
2 THEY PRINT THEIR BUDGET. ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I SIMPLY WANTED
5 TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS. THE EFFORT HERE IS TO
6 ENGAGE IN WHAT IS EXPLICITLY CHARACTERIZED AS A COMPREHENSIVE
7 AUDIT AND TO HAVE AN INDEPENDENT REVIEW AND VERIFICATION OF
8 THAT WHICH HAS RECENTLY BEEN DISCLOSED. I THINK IT'S VERY
9 IMPORTANT THAT THAT HAPPEN LARGELY BECAUSE THE COUNTY OF LOS
10 ANGELES DOES IN FACT DISTINGUISH ITSELF. WE HAVE NOT BEEN
11 TRAUMATIZED BY THE VAGARIES OF THE ECONOMIC CRISIS THAT OTHER
12 JURISDICTIONS HAVE HAD TO ENDURE. WE HAVE BEEN VERY FORTUNATE
13 IN THAT REGARD. AND I KNOW THAT THE ENTIRE WORKFORCE OF THE
14 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS APPRECIATIVE OF THAT AND TO THE BOARD
15 BECAUSE OF THAT. THE REASON THIS IS JARRING, THAT WHICH WE NOW
16 HAVE LEARNED PURSUANT TO THE C.E.O. CALLING IT TO OUR
17 ATTENTION, IS THAT IT IS NOT JUST ACCURACY FOR ACCURACY SAKE;
18 IT IS NOT AN ABSTRACTION, A MISCALCULATION HAS MATERIAL
19 CONSEQUENCES THAT ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR BUDGETING AND WILL
20 CAUSE US TO MAKE DECISIONS THAT WE HAVE ESSENTIALLY AVOIDED.
21 SO FOR ME, THIS IS POTENTIALLY PRECIPITOUS. AND TO THE EXTENT
22 THAT IT IS, I BELIEVE THAT WE NEED TO BE VERY, VERY CLEAR AND
23 VERY CONFIDENT THAT WHICH WE ARE BEING SUBMITTED AND GETS
24 FACTORED INTO OUR BUDGET DELIBERATIONS IS ACCURATE, ACCURATE
25 FROM THE POINT OF VIEW THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO MAKE HARSH



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1 DECISIONS, DECISIONS THAT WE HAVE SOUGHT TO AVOID IN TERMS OF
2 LAYOFFS AND ANY OTHER KINDS OF DETERMINATIONS THAT WOULD BE
3 UNPLEASANT. AND SO WE VIEW THIS AS BEING VERY SERIOUS. THUS A
4 COMPREHENSIVE AUDIT, INDEPENDENT REVIEW IS THE ORDER OF THE
5 DAY, MR. CHAIRMAN.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, I JUST WOULD REAFFIRM WHAT EVERYONE'S
8 MENTIONED. I THINK IT WAS VERY, VERY OBVIOUSLY SHOCKING PIECE
9 OF NEWS. DO WE HAVE ANY IDEA HOW LONG IT'LL TAKE TO SORT OF
10 EVALUATE THIS TO SEE IF IT'S REAL/NOT REAL? I THINK THE ISSUE
11 IS NOT JUST THE SPECIFIC ISSUE BUT THE SYSTEMIC ISSUES THAT
12 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY TALKED ABOUT. ANY IDEA HOW LONG IT WILL
13 TAKE TO VALIDATE THAT SIGNIFICANT CHANGE?

14

15 **WENDY WATANABE:** AT THIS POINT I DON'T HAVE AN ESTIMATE UNTIL
16 WE LOOK INTO IT FURTHER AND UNTIL WE AGGRESSIVELY-- SO THAT'S
17 OUR IMMEDIATE INTENTION THAT WE SPEND ON THAT.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT. THE OTHER QUESTION IS OBVIOUSLY I WOULD
20 HAVE HAD WAS FOR THE ASSESSOR. BUT ANYWAY, THAT'S GOOD.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HE'S STANDING BY IF YOU WANT TO
23 ASK HIM QUESTIONS.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** IT'S UP TO EVERYONE. I DON'T WANT TO OBLIGATE
2 FOLKS. BUT I JUST LIKE YOU, ZEV, IN ALL MY TIME AROUND HERE,
3 WHETHER AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OR AS A SUPERVISOR DANA'S
4 CHEF OF STAFF, I DON'T RECALL THE ESTIMATE BEING OFF BY THAT
5 MUCH. AND I THINK THAT THE ASSESSOR MIGHT WANT TO ADDRESS
6 THAT.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, IT WOULD BE FAIR FOR US TO
9 INVITE HIM FORWARD. MY HOPE WAS THAT WE WOULD JUST APPROVE THE
10 AUDIT. BUT WE GOT INTO A DISCUSSION. AND I THINK IT WOULD BE
11 FAIR TO ASK HIM TO JOIN US. SO CAN WE ASK MR. NOGUEZ, THERE HE
12 IS. I ASSUME YOU'VE HEARD THE DISCUSSION SO FAR, SO IF YOU'D
13 LIKE TO-

14

15 **JOHN NOGUEZ:** YES, I HAVE, THANK YOU, MEMBERS.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MAKE SOME COMMENTS.

18

19 **JOHN NOGUEZ:** WITH ME TODAY IS ALSO MY CHIEF OF STAFF, GEORGE
20 RENKE. THE DECEMBER 15, 2011 PRELIMINARY FORECAST WAS BASED ON
21 MARKET DATA RECEIVED FOR ESSENTIALLY JANUARY THROUGH
22 SEPTEMBER. THAT MARKET DATA INDICATED A STABILIZATION. AND AS
23 A MATTER OF FACT, THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMUNITY, THE REAL
24 ESTATE COMMUNITY, HAD FELT THAT WE HAD STABILIZED. SO THOSE
25 WERE THE NUMBERS THAT WE WERE USING FOR THE INITIAL



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1 PROJECTION. THE OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER NUMBERS, HOWEVER,
2 BROUGHT IN A VERY NEGATIVE LIGHT AND THAT IS WHERE THE PROBLEM
3 LAY. IT WAS AN OVERALL YEAR-TO-DATE NEGATIVE FIVE PERCENT
4 REDUCTION. SO WE DIDN'T HAVE THAT INFORMATION FOR THE DECEMBER
5 15TH PROJECTION BECAUSE IT WAS STILL COMING IN. WE WERE STILL
6 RECEIVING THAT DATA. WE HAVE TO VALUE PROPERTIES AS OF JANUARY
7 1, 2012 AS THE LEAN DATE. AND THERE ARE OVER 500,000
8 PROPERTIES THAT ARE CURRENTLY BEING REVIEWED, OF WHICH
9 REPRESENT A TOTAL VALUE OF APPROXIMATELY 220 BILLION DOLLARS
10 COMBINED AND A FIVE PERCENT REDUCTION TO THAT IS THE 11
11 BILLION DOLLAR ADJUSTMENT THAT IS BEING REVIEWED RIGHT NOW,
12 THAT IS BEING BROUGHT FORWARD. THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE USES
13 PREVIOUS DATA AS WELL AS THE ENSUING THREE MONTHS OF THE YEAR,
14 SO WE ARE NOW WAITING FOR JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH TO SEE
15 IF THERE WAS ANY POSITIVE LIGHT THERE, ALSO. TO FURTHER
16 ENHANCE OUR ABILITIES TO UNDERSTAND IF IN FACT IT WILL BE A
17 TOTAL OF A NEGATIVE FIVE PERCENT REFLECTING ON THOSE
18 PROPERTIES IN L.A. COUNTY. I AM ENCOURAGED BY THE BOARD'S
19 AGENDA ITEM IN TERMS OF ASSISTING US. WE NEED SOMETHING LIKE
20 THIS. I AM ONE OF THE NEWEST MEMBERS AS A DEPARTMENT HEAD. AND
21 I THINK THIS COMPREHENSIVE YEARLY REVIEW, WORKING WITH THE
22 AUDITOR TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE A CHECKS AND BALANCE WILL
23 FURTHER BETTER SERVE THE COMMUNITY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND
24 ITS RESIDENTS. SO I AM VERY MUCH AVAILABLE TO ASSIST.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. KNABE?

2

3 **SUP. KNABE:** TO GO BACK TO A QUESTION OR A COMMENT ZEV MADE AND
4 THE SAME CONCERN THAT I HAVE IS I GUESS WHAT WE HAVE A
5 DIFFICULT TIME UNDERSTANDING IS THE NUMBER ALL OF A SUDDEN
6 THAT APPEARS ON A REASSESSMENT AND THERE'S NO SIGNIFICANT
7 OVERTIME, NO SIGNIFICANT CASELOADS ANY PLACE, HOW THAT
8 TRANSPIRED INTO THESE PARTICULAR KINDS OF NUMBERS. I MEAN,
9 THERE'S NO PHYSICAL WAY WORKING 24 HOURS A DAY 7 DAYS A WEEK
10 THAT YOU COULD HAVE DONE ALL THIS.

11

12 **GEORGE RENKE:** YEAH, IT DIDN'T TRANSPIRE OVER THOSE THREE
13 MONTHS. WE'RE CURRENTLY WORKING ON THE PROP 8 REVIEWS, THE
14 500,000 PROPERTIES THAT WERE MENTIONED, THE ESTIMATE OF A FIVE
15 PERCENT REDUCTION TO THOSE PROPERTIES WAS BASED ON STATISTICS.
16 SO THAT'S A PROJECTION OF THE WORK THAT WILL TAKE PLACE OVER
17 THE NEXT FEW MONTHS THAT WILL RESULT IN APPROXIMATELY FIVE
18 PERCENT REDUCTION ON THOSE 500,000 PROPERTIES THAT ARE BEING
19 REVIEWED.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** IS IT A BLANKET? A BLANKET?

22

23 **GEORGE RENKE:** WHAT'S THAT?

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** ARE YOU TAKING AN ENTIRE NEIGHBORHOOD AND SAYING
2 THAT'S FIVE PERCENT REDUCED OR WHAT'S THE DEAL?

3

4 **GEORGE RENKE:** NO. THERE'S A MIXTURE. SOME MARKETS HAVE
5 INCREASED IN VALUES. OTHERS HAVE DECLINED. IT'S AN OVERALL
6 AVERAGE WHEN WE LOOK AT THE STATISTICS THAT AFFECT ALL OF LOS
7 ANGELES COUNTY THAT ON AVERAGE IT'S REFLECTING A FIVE PERCENT
8 DECLINE ON THE 220 BILLION DOLLARS THAT'S REFLECTED IN THOSE
9 500,000 PROPERTIES. AND THAT'S WHAT'S RESULTING IN THE
10 ADJUSTMENT OF THE 11 BILLION THAT YOU SEE IN THE FORECAST. AND
11 THAT INFORMATION WAS NOT AVAILABLE AS OF THE ORIGINAL
12 FORECAST.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** IF IT WASN'T AVAILABLE, WHY WASN'T SOME NOTATION
15 OR COMMENT MADE TO THE C.E.O. OR TO BOARD MEMBERS OR ANYTHING
16 ELSE THAT THERE'S STILL THIS POSSIBILITY? I MEAN I THINK
17 THAT'S THE THING WE'RE HAVING A HARD TIME GRASPING.

18

19 **GEORGE RENKE:** RIGHT.

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** IT JUST SEEMS LIKE AN OVERNIGHT BLANKET DECISION
22 MADE BY SOMEBODY WITHIN THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE. THERE'S NO
23 RHYME NOR REASON. AND NONE OF US CAN REMEMBER ANYTHING LIKE
24 THIS EVER HAPPENING BEFORE.

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1 **GEORGE RENKE:** YEAH. WE DID HAVE A SLIGHT ADJUSTMENT LIKE THIS
2 BACK IN 2009 WHERE THE INTERIM CAME IN LOWER. SO ACTUALLY IT
3 HAS HAPPENED IN THE PAST.

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5 **SUP. KNABE:** NOTHING OF THIS --

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NOT OF THIS MAGNITUDE.

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** NOT OF THIS MAGNITUDE.

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11 **GEORGE RENKE:** OKAY.

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13 **SUP. KNABE:** IT'S OKAY, IT'S TRUE.

14

15 **GEORGE RENKE:** NO, NO, NO, YES. WHAT WAS ANTICIPATED AT THE
16 TIME OF THE ORIGINAL FORECAST, AND WE HAD HEARD THIS FROM MANY
17 MARKET EXPERTS AND THIS IS WELL-PUBLICIZED, THAT THE
18 PERCEPTION AT THAT TIME WAS THAT THE MARKET HAD STABILIZED.
19 AND THAT'S WHAT WAS IN OUR PROJECTIONS, ALSO. WHAT WE
20 DISCOVERED SUBSEQUENT TO THAT IS THAT WE ACTUALLY HAD THE
21 MARKET DECLINE OF FIVE PERCENT.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU SAID THAT NOW TWO OR THREE
24 TIMES. WHAT WAS YOUR DECEMBER ESTIMATE BASED ON? PERCEPTIONS?



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1 GUT? INSTINCT? OR WERE THERE SOME NUMBERS OUT THERE THAT YOU
2 RELIED ON?

3

4 **JOHN NOGUEZ:** NO, IT WAS MARKET DATA THAT HAD BEEN REVIEWED
5 FROM JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER. I THINK YOU'RE CORRECT, SUPERVISOR
6 KNABE. WE SHOULD MAKE A MENTION. THERE SHOULD BE A NOTATION
7 THAT THESE ARE THE PARAMETERS. AND IF SOMETHING SHOULD CHANGE
8 WITHIN THE OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER MONTHS, WE SHOULD BE
9 AWARE OF THAT.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** BECAUSE IT JUST SEEMS LIKE AN OVERNIGHT FIVE
12 PERCENT FLAT ACROSS-THE-BOARD, YOU TAKE ENTIRE NEIGHBORHOODS,
13 NOT A HOUSE AT A TIME. THERE IS NO PHYSICAL WAY YOU COULD DO
14 THE REASSESSMENTS AND YOU'RE TAKING SOME ECONOMIC INDICATORS
15 AND DOING A BLANKET FIVE PERCENT REDUCTION. AND I THINK THAT'S
16 WHAT WE'RE HAVING A HARD TIME WITH.

17

18 **JOHN NOGUEZ:** WELL, I THINK THE SYSTEM THAT WE HAVE IN PLACE
19 REVIEWED MARKET DATA CONDITIONS AND APPLIES THEM TO THOSE
20 PROPERTIES IF IN FACT THE PROPERTY IS NOT AT THAT MARKET, IT
21 WILL REDUCE IT.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO THE JANUARY THROUGH SEPTEMBER
24 MARKET DATA SHOWED WHAT?

25



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1 **JOHN NOGUEZ:** IT SHOWED A STABILIZATION IN THE MARKET,
2 ACTUALLY.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MEANING, QUANTIFY THAT. WHAT WAS
5 THE PERCENTAGE IMPACT ON THE TAX ROLL?

6

7 **JOHN NOGUEZ:** THE PERCENTAGE IMPACT FOR THAT PARTICULAR PORTION
8 IS THAT 1.7 THAT WE HAD INITIALLY PROJECTED BASED ON THAT
9 INFORMATION UP TO SEPTEMBER.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S ALL THE NUMBERS WE'VE BEEN GETTING.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO THEN OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER
14 DROPPED BY FIVE PERCENT?

15

16 **JOHN NOGUEZ:** THE OVERALL IMPACT INCLUDING THE NUMBERS OF THE
17 PREVIOUS JANUARY THROUGH SEPTEMBER WERE INCLUDED IN THAT.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO THAT MEANS --

20

21 **JOHN NOGUEZ:** THERE WAS A DRAMATIC DROP.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT DURING THE LAST QUARTER OF
24 THE CALENDAR YEAR, IT WASN'T FIVE PERCENT, THAT'S ONLY A
25 QUARTER. IF YOU WERE AT 1.7 PERCENT AND YOU WENT DOWN TO .49



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1 PERCENT, THEN THE DROP IN OCTOBER THROUGH SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER
2 THROUGH DECEMBER WAS HOW MUCH?

3

4 **GEORGE RENKE:** WHAT WE SAW THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND WE'D BE MORE
5 THAN HAPPY TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION, WE SAW SOME SMALL
6 AMOUNT OF VOLATILITY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, BUT THE OVERALL
7 TREND WAS LEVEL. WHAT WE SAW, THE INFORMATION THAT BECAME
8 AVAILABLE FOR THE END OF THE YEAR IS IT DROPPED OFF
9 DRAMATICALLY. WHEN LOOKING AT IT YEAR OVER YEAR FROM JANUARY
10 OF 2011 TO JANUARY OF 2012, IT SHOWS AN OVERALL DECLINE, ON
11 AVERAGE, OF FIVE PERCENT.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SO WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN
14 THE DECLINE BETWEEN OCTOBER AND DECEMBER OF 2011?

15

16 **GEORGE RENKE:** THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN FROM STABILIZATION WHERE WE
17 SAW NO CHANGE IN THE MARKET DOWN TO A 5 PERCENT DECLINE.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, YOU SAID THAT THE WHOLE YEAR
20 WAS FIVE PERCENT ON THE AVERAGE. SO WHAT WAS THE LAST THREE
21 MONTHS OF THE CALENDAR YEAR? IT HAD TO BE MORE THAN FIVE
22 PERCENT IF YOU WERE AT 1.7 PERCENT, 1.77 PERCENT PLUS UP UNTIL
23 BASED ON THE JANUARY THROUGH SEPTEMBER AND NOW YOUR SAID THAT
24 THE LAST THREE MONTHS WAS-- I'M SORRY, THAT THE OVERALL YEAR
25 AVERAGE WAS FIVE PERCENT, IN ORDER TO TAKE THAT FROM 1.77 UP



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1 TO FIVE PERCENT DOWN, THE LAST THREE MONTHS HAVE TO BE 15, 20
2 PERCENT DOWN.

3

4 **GEORGE RENKE:** RIGHT. ACTUALLY WHAT WE'RE SHOWING FROM
5 BASICALLY SEPTEMBER THROUGH THE END OF THE YEAR WOULD HAVE
6 CONSTITUTED A FOUR PERCENT DECLINE OVER THAT TIME PERIOD.
7 PRIOR TO THAT, YOU CAN SEE THE MARKET IS GOING UP AND DOWN.
8 AND THE TREND THAT WAS PREDICTED AT THAT TIME, THAT IT WOULD
9 BE STABILIZED AND BE GOING UP AND DOWN BY ONE PERCENT
10 THROUGHOUT THE END OF THE YEAR. WHAT WE FOUND AFTER SEPTEMBER
11 IS WHEN IT DROPPED OFF DRAMATICALLY AND DROPPED DOWN TO BELOW
12 FIVE PERCENT, LEADING INTO THE LIEN DATE. AND THAT INFORMATION
13 WAS NOT AVAILABLE IN DECEMBER. THERE IS A LAG IN TAKING NOT
14 ONLY JUST THE RAW DATA BUT THEN WE ALSO ANALYZED THAT DATA TO
15 DETERMINE WHAT THE OVERALL EFFECT IS ON THE MARKET. AFTER
16 ANALYZING THAT DATA, THAT'S WHEN WE CAN SEE THAT THE DROP-OFF
17 TOOK PLACE OVER THAT TIME PERIOD, WHICH SHOWS THE 5 PERCENT
18 DECLINE OVERALL ON AVERAGE. AS I WAS SAYING, THIS ISN'T
19 SOMETHING THAT WE DO AS A BLANKET REVIEW. WE REVIEW PROPERTIES
20 ONE AT A TIME. THEY ARE INDIVIDUALLY APPRAISED. BUT OVERALL,
21 THE DECLINE IS FIVE PERCENT. IN SOME AREAS, IT WILL BE MORE
22 DRAMATIC THAN FIVE PERCENT. IN OTHER AREAS WE'VE SEEN
23 STABILITIES. IN ADDITIONAL AREAS, WE'VE ACTUALLY SEEN SOME
24 INCREASES IN AREAS, ALSO.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THE NUMBERS JUST AREN'T ADDING UP.
2 AND I DON'T WANT TO PURSUE IT BECAUSE I'M THINKING OFF THE TOP
3 OF MY HEAD. AND THAT'S WHAT WE NEED THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO
4 GET INTO. BUT IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE THAT YOU WOULD HAVE
5 STABILIZED BETWEEN JANUARY AND SEPTEMBER AND THEN IN DECEMBER
6 DISCOVER THAT YOU HAD A FIVE PERCENT ON THE AVERAGE DECLINE
7 AND THEN IN THAT LAST THREE MONTHS OF THE YEAR YOU'RE SAYING
8 IT'S FOUR PERCENT DECLINE. SO IT JUST DOESN'T-- THE ARITHMETIC
9 DOESN'T WORK. AND I GUESS THE REASON I ASKED THE QUESTION, THE
10 REASON DON'S ASKING THE QUESTION IS IT BEGS THE NEXT QUESTION,
11 WHICH IS: WHAT CAUSED THE DRAMATIC CHANGE BETWEEN SEPTEMBER
12 AND DECEMBER? WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MARKETPLACE? WE ALL LIVE IN
13 THIS TOWN. WE ALL WATCH THE REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY. WHAT WAS THE
14 SUDDEN CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCE IN THE REAL ESTATE MARKET, THE
15 SUDDEN CHANGE IN CONDITIONS EVEN ANECDOTALLY? I DIDN'T HEAR,
16 EVEN ANECDOTALLY OF SUCH A DRAMATIC PLUMMETING OF ASSESSED
17 PROPERTY VALUES. HOMES IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD, WHICH IS A
18 PERFECTLY FINE MIDDLE CLASS NEIGHBORHOOD, NOT IN THE HIGH END,
19 NOT IN THE FORECLOSURE AREA, PROPERTY VALUES THERE HAVE HELD
20 STABLE, CERTAINLY NOT GONE DOWN THIS YEAR. THEY WENT DOWN TWO
21 OR THREE YEARS AGO, BUT THEY AREN'T DOWN THIS YEAR. AND
22 EVERYBODY ELSE CAN TALK ABOUT THEIR -- SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT
23 THE --
24



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1 **JOHN NOGUEZ:** MANY OF US WERE OF THAT OPINION, ALSO. I WAS OF
2 THAT OPINION AS OF DECEMBER.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NOW THAT YOU HAVE INFORMATION THE
5 CONTRARY, DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS WHAT CAUSED THIS?

6

7 **JOHN NOGUEZ:** THE MARKET IN THOSE AREAS OF DECLINE--

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT CAUSED THE MARKET TO DECLINE?

10

11 **GEORGE RENKE:** IT WAS THE ECONOMY IN GENERAL.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THE ECONOMY HAS BEEN COMING BACK.

14

15 **GEORGE RENKE:** AT THAT TIME-- AND I CAN QUOTE SOME ARTICLES OR
16 EXPERTS THAT GAVE SIMILAR STATEMENTS THAT WE SAW STABILIZATION
17 TOWARDS THE MIDDLE OF THE YEAR. AND THEN THAT DROPPED OFF. THE
18 REASONS FOR THAT WAS ECONOMY AND CONSUMER CONFIDENCE.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SEND US A COPY OF THOSE ARTICLES,
21 I'D LIKE TO SEE THEM.

22

23 **GEORGE RENKE:** ABSOLUTELY YES, AND I HAVE THEM WITH ME. I'D BE
24 MORE THAN HAPPY TO PROVIDE THEM TO YOU.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. ANTONOVICH.

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DOES ONE INDIVIDUAL MAKE THE DECISION THAT
4 THIS AREA IS GOING TO HAVE A REDUCTION IN THEIR PROPERTY
5 TAXES? WHAT IS YOUR CONTROL? HOW MANY TAX ASSESSORS HAVE TO
6 GIVE AN APPROVAL BEFORE THIS RATE IS DROPPED, DECREASED?

7

8 **JOHN NOGUEZ:** WE HAVE A COMPUTER SYSTEM THAT REVIEWS THE
9 PARAMETERS WITHIN THAT WITHIN THE MARKET OF SOUTHERN
10 CALIFORNIA. IT IDENTIFIES THE SALES AND THEN IT LOOKS TO THOSE
11 TARGETED AREAS IN TERMS OF OKAY. THIS TARGET AREA, BASED ON
12 THE MODULE HAS APPEARED TO HAVE REDUCED. LET'S LOOK AT THIS
13 PARTICULAR AREA.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO HOW MANY TAX ASSESSORS REVIEW THAT DATA
16 AND GIVE AUTHORIZATION THAT WE'RE GOING TO ALLOW THIS
17 HOMEOWNER TO HAVE A REDUCTION IN THEIR PAYMENT?

18

19 **GEORGE RENKE:** DURING THIS TIME OF YEAR, IT'S MOST OF OUR
20 STAFF, IF NOT ALL OF OUR STAFF WILL BE FOCUSED ON THESE TYPES
21 OF EFFORTS. THE INITIAL APPRAISAL IS PUT TOGETHER, AS WAS
22 STATED BY-- THERE'S COMPUTER ANALYSIS THAT WILL GATHER
23 COMPARABLE SALES IN THAT AREA FOR THAT PARTICULAR PROPERTY. WE
24 ALSO USE SALES RATIO ANALYSIS.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT HOW MANY PEOPLE GIVE AUTHORIZATION TO
2 GRANT THAT REDUCTION?

3

4 **GEORGE RENKE:** THE APPRAISERS WILL REVIEW THOSE APPRAISALS. AND
5 THEN THOSE APPRAISALS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THEIR SUPERVISOR
6 FOR APPROVAL.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THERE'S TWO INDIVIDUALS?

9

10 **GEORGE RENKE:** FOR ANY PARTICULAR PROPERTY, THERE'S TYPICALLY
11 TWO INDIVIDUALS THAT WILL DO THAT ANALYSIS.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW MANY OF THESE REDUCTIONS ARE BY SOMEONE
14 WHO HIRES A LOBBYIST TO REPRESENT THEM FOR A REDUCTION?

15

16 **JOHN NOGUEZ:** WE HAVE NO IDEA.

17

18 **GEORGE RENKE:** NONE.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO NONE OF THESE REDUCTIONS ARE BECAUSE AN
21 ADVOCATE HAS REPRESENTED THEM AT A HEARING TO HAVE A
22 REDUCTION?

23

24 **GEORGE RENKE:** NO. NO. THESE EFFORTS AND THE 500,000 PROPERTIES
25 THAT I MADE REFERENCE TO ARE DONE SOLELY BY OUR OFFICE, NO



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1 OTHER OUTSIDE INVOLVEMENT. WE IDENTIFY THE PROPERTIES THAT
2 COULD POSSIBLY QUALIFY FOR A DECLINE IN VALUE. WE ANALYZE
3 THOSE. OUR APPRAISERS REVIEW THOSE AND THEN SUBMIT THOSE
4 VALUATIONS TO THEIR SUPERVISORS.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THERE IS ONE SUPERVISOR WHO WILL GIVE
7 AUTHORIZATION? OR DOES THAT SUPERVISOR ALSO HAVE ANOTHER
8 SUPERVISOR WHO WILL GRANT PERMISSION?

9

10 **GEORGE RENKE:** IT DEPENDS ON THE LEVEL OF THE REDUCTION. IF THE
11 REDUCTION EXCEEDS TWO MILLION DOLLARS, IT WILL NEED ADDITIONAL
12 REVIEW BY THAT SUPERVISOR'S MANAGER.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT UNDER TWO MILLION DOLLARS IT DOESN'T?

15

16 **GEORGE RENKE:** NO. THAT WE RELY ON THE SUPERVISORS TO MAKE
17 THOSE APPROVALS.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO YOUR THRESHOLD IS TWO MILLION DOLLARS?

20

21 **GEORGE RENKE:** TO GO TO THE MANAGEMENT LEVEL FOR AN APPRAISAL
22 TO BE REVIEWED, YES.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THE HOMES IN THE COUNTY
25 ARE ASSESSED AT LESS THAN TWO MILLION DOLLARS?



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2 **GEORGE RENKE:** MOST OF THEM.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO ACTUALLY FOR MOST OF THEM, THEY DON'T HAVE
5 ANOTHER SUPERVISOR CHECKING, GIVING AUTHORIZATION?

6

7 **GEORGE RENKE:** NO. FOR MOST OF THE PROPERTIES IT DOES NOT
8 REQUIRE ADDITIONAL MANAGEMENT REVIEW BEYOND THE SUPERVISOR.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND YOU DON'T BELIEVE THERE OUGHT TO BE MORE
11 SUPERVISION OVER THAT TYPE OF AUTHORIZATION?

12

13 **GEORGE RENKE:** WE'VE NEVER FOUND THAT TO BE NECESSARY, NO.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** INTERESTING.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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19 **SUP. RIDELY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MY CONCERN IS QUITE
20 SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED TO THE FISCAL IMPACT IT MAY HAVE IN
21 TERMS OF OUR BUDGET DELIBERATIONS. AND SO IT WOULD SEEM TO ME
22 THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THE C.E.O. TO GIVE US SOME INSIGHT
23 IN TERMS OF WHAT THE ACTUAL OR PRACTICAL CONSEQUENCES MIGHT
24 BE, WHICH HAS, IN PART, RAISED THE CONCERN OF A NUMBER OF US
25 ON THE BOARD. SO, MR. CHAIR, IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT THE



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1 C.E.O. MIGHT WANT TO ALLAY ANY CONCERNS ABOUT A 50 MILLION
2 DOLLAR SWING IMPACT IN TERMS OF OUR SPECIFIC BUDGET
3 CONSIDERATIONS. THAT'S WHAT MOST CONCRETELY CONCERNS ME AT
4 THIS JUNCTURE.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BILL, DID YOU WANT TO SAY ANYTHING
7 ON THAT?

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MY QUESTION WAS DIRECTED TO THE C.E.O.

10

11 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I'M SORRY. I GOT DISTRACTED. COULD YOU PLEASE
12 RESTATE THAT? COULD YOU READ IT BACK, PLEASE, SACHI?

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THE IMPACT OF THE 50 MILLION
15 DOLLAR HIT TO THE COUNTY BUDGET.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** HE JUST WANTED TO KNOW HOW IT WILL IMPACT
18 THE 50 MILLION-

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LET ME-

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** LET HIM.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER. THE DISCUSSION IS
25 A LARGE ONE IN TERMS OF THE OVERALL IMPACTS TO SEVERAL



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1 JURISDICTIONS, CITIES, SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICTS, ETCETERA,
2 ETCETERA. I'M SPECIFICALLY CONCERNED ABOUT OUR BUDGET
3 PROCESSES IN WHICH WE WILL BEGIN IN IN EARNEST NEXT WEEK. AND
4 PART OF WHICH GOT THE ATTENTION OF THIS BOARD WAS THE SPECTER
5 OF A SWING IN AN ADVERSE WAY OF AS MUCH AS 50 MILLION DOLLARS
6 WHICH WAS CALLED TO MY ATTENTION. THEREFORE, I WANT TO HAVE
7 THE C.E.O. SPEAK TO THAT IN TERMS OF WHAT ITS IMPACTS AND
8 CONSEQUENCES MIGHT BE. BECAUSE I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT
9 THAT WE APPRECIATE THIS IS REAL AND DIRECT. IT'S NOT SIMPLY A
10 MATTER OF NUMBERS BUT, IN FACT, REAL IMPACTS THAT COULD
11 ADVERSELY AFFECT REAL HUMAN BEINGS.

12

13 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IF THE REDUCTION FROM 1.77 TO .49 IS ACCURATE
14 -- AND I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THE IF -- THAT WOULD HAVE A 50
15 MILLION DOLLAR IMPACT ON OUR BUDGET. BEFORE I STARTED TALKING
16 ABOUT HOW THAT WOULD IMPACT COUNTY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, I
17 THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT OUR AUDITOR-CONTROLLER COMPLETES
18 THAT AUDIT QUICKLY, AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. BECAUSE, YOU KNOW,
19 I'VE DONE THIS, "DONE THIS" BEING I'VE WORKED ON BUDGETS OF
20 THIS TYPE FOR OVER 13 YEARS. AND AS OTHER SPEAKERS HAVE
21 STATED, INCLUDING YOURSELF, AND IN THE MOTION, THIS IS AN
22 UNPRECEDENTED CHANGE. AND I PERSONALLY HAVE CONCERNS WHETHER
23 OR NOT WHEN THE DAY IS OVER, THAT WE'LL ACTUALLY HAVE A
24 REDUCTION FROM 1.77 TO .49. WE MAY NOT HAVE THE 1.77 GROWTH,
25 BUT IN MY MIND, FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN, THAT .49 IS QUESTIONABLE.



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1 I DON'T WANT TO SIT HERE AND DISPARAGE OUR ASSESSOR'S OFFICE,
2 BUT IT IS QUESTIONABLE AT THIS POINT IN TIME. AND I'VE ALSO
3 SEEN, IN EVERY SINGLE YEAR I'VE DONE THIS, THE 13 YEARS I'VE
4 DONE THIS WHERE I'VE SEEN AN ESTIMATE IN DECEMBER HAS GONE,
5 WOULD GO UP. WE GET AN ESTIMATE IN MARCH. AND THEN WHEN WE GET
6 THE MAY ESTIMATE, WE SEE ANOTHER SLIGHT, I'LL SAY REVISION, IN
7 MY EXPERIENCES HAVE BEEN POSITIVE. AND THEN WHEN WE GET THE
8 FINAL ONE IN AUGUST, IT ALSO CHANGES. AND SO WE'LL BE TRACKING
9 THIS VERY CLOSELY AS WE GET THE FINAL CHANGES. THAT WILL BE
10 AFTER THE MAY INFORMATION, WHICH HOPEFULLY WILL BRING SOME
11 CLARITY TO THIS. AND HOPEFULLY-- NOT HOPEFULLY, I'M CONFIDENT
12 THROUGH THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S EFFORT THAT WE'LL GET A MORE
13 ACCURATE PICTURE. AT THAT POINT, WE'LL BE MORE THAN READY TO
14 GIVE YOU KIND OF A PROPER COURSE OF ACTION HOW WE DEAL WITH
15 THE BUDGET. THE BUDGET WE'LL BE PRESENTING NEXT WEEK -- AND --
16 IS A PROPOSED BUDGET. AND IN JUNE WE'LL BE DISCUSSING OUR
17 FINAL BUDGET HAVE OF COURSE WE'LL HAVE THE SUPPLEMENTAL ONCE
18 WE CLOSE THE BOOKS IN SEPTEMBER. AND WE WILL BE READY. THERE
19 ARE IN LOOKING AT THIS, IN LOOKING AT OUR BUDGET RIGHT NOW,
20 I'M CONFIDENT WE'LL BE ABLE TO ADDRESS THIS WITHOUT ANY
21 SIGNIFICANT REDUCTIONS IN COUNTY SERVICES. BUT IT'S EARLY
22 RIGHT NOW. WE NEED, I NEED A GREATER DEGREE OF CONFIDENCE IN
23 THE ACCURACY OF THIS POSITION, OR THIS REDUCTION AND SEE
24 PROJECTIONS FOR PROPERTY TAX, AND OUR AUDITOR-CONTROLLER WILL
25 HELP US PROVIDE THAT CLARITY.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. FUJIOKA. MR. CHAIRMAN, I
3 THINK AS COAUTHOR OF THE MOTION, WE PROBABLY NEED TO BE VERY
4 CLEAR WHAT THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER IN TERMS OF THE TIMELINESS
5 THAT THE AUDIT IS PURSUED AND COMPLETED. THE C.E.O. MAKES IT
6 CLEAR THAT HIS DECISIONS HAVE TO REST ON THE RESULTS OF THE
7 AUDIT. SO TO THE EXTENT THAT THAT IS THE CASE, I WONDER IF WE
8 OUGHTN'T CAUSE THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO BE MORE SPECIFIC AS
9 TO WHEN THIS WILL BE DONE SO THAT IT IS MORE IN LINE WITH OUR
10 DELIBERATIONS RATHER THAN AS OPEN-ENDED AS IT SEEMS TO BE AT
11 THIS POINT. I'M NOT SURE THAT YOU HEARD ALL OF WHAT I SAID,
12 MR. CHAIRMAN. YEAH. I MEAN THE POINT OF MY ORIGINAL INQUIRY
13 WAS TO GET CLARITY FROM THE C.E.O. IN TERMS OF THE IMPACT THIS
14 COULD HAVE IN TERMS OF OUR BUDGET DELIBERATION. IN SUMMARY,
15 HIS RESPONSE WAS THAT WE NEED TO BE CLEAR ABOUT WHAT THIS
16 REALLY MEANS, WHETHER IT'S 50 MILLION THAT WILL ADVERSELY
17 AFFECT OUR DECISIONS AS RELATED TO THE PROPOSED BUDGET, BUT HE
18 HAS TO WAIT UNTIL THE RESULTS OF THE AUDIT. THE AUDITOR, ONCE
19 SHE FIRST CAME IN RESPONDING TO SUPERVISOR KNABE'S QUESTION AS
20 TO HOW LONG IT WOULD TAKE, SHE WAS NONSPECIFIC AS TO WHAT THAT
21 WOULD BE. I THINK WE NEED TO NAIL THAT DOWN IN LIGHT OF THE
22 FACT THAT THIS DIRECTLY TIES INTO OUR BUDGET DELIBERATIONS.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH. YOU UNDERSTAND THE URGENCY
25 OF THIS. AND YOU MAY HAVE TO TRIAGE WHAT YOU'RE DOING TO AT



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1 LEAST GET TO THE VALUATION PIECE, IF YOU CAN, BEFORE YOU GET
2 INTO THE OTHER STUFF OR TO THE EXTENT YOU CAN DO IT
3 SIMULTANEOUSLY, THAT WOULD BE GREAT. BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT
4 THING AT THE MOMENT-

5

6 **JOHN NOGUEZ:** WE'LL WORK WITH THEM CLOSELY ON THAT.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I JUST DON'T WANT IT TO BE A GUESSING GAME
9 THAT MOVES FROM THE ASSESSOR TO THE C.E.O. TO THE AUDITOR BACK
10 AND FORTH. I THINK WE NEED TO BE VERY CLEAR. AND THE
11 INSTRUCTIONS ARE TO BE GIVEN HERE AND NOW AS TO WHAT A TARGET
12 TIMELINE SHOULD BE IN LIGHT OF OUR BEING IN BUDGET
13 DELIBERATIONS. AND A BUDGET IS BEING ASSEMBLED. SO WE NEED ALL
14 THE INFORMATION IN 30 DAYS. WHAT MAKES SENSE? BECAUSE I DON'T
15 WANT TO ASK A QUESTION OF THE C.E.O. AND HE SAYS I'M WAITING
16 ON THE AUDITOR TO GIVE ME THIS SO I CAN BE SURE. THAT'S NOT
17 WHERE WE WISH TO BE.

18

19 **WENDY WATANABE:** YES, SIR. WE DO UNDERSTAND THE URGENCY. AND AS
20 IT TIED TO THE BUDGET DELIBERATION AND PROPOSED BUDGET. SO WE
21 WILL, YOU KNOW, FOCUS ON THIS ITEM RIGHT AWAY.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YEAH, BUT THE QUESTION IS FOR THE C.E.O.,
24 DOES THE 30-DAY REPORT ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR YOU TO MAKE
25 THE KIND OF DECISIONS YOU NEED TO MAKE IN PREPARATION FOR THE



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1 JUNE SUBMISSION THAT YOU WANT TO MAKE? IF I CAN GET THE
2 C.E.O.'S ATTENTION, I'M TRYING TO RAISE SOME QUESTIONS THAT
3 PINS THIS DOWN.

4

5 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES, SIR.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I WAS POSING THE QUESTION IS 30 DAYS
8 HELPFUL?

9

10 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THIRTY DAYS WOULD BE HELPFUL, BUT FROM TALKING
11 WITH THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, I UNDERSTAND THE COMPLEXITIES OF
12 THIS AUDIT. IT MAY TAKE HER A LITTLE BIT LONGER. IF WE GET TO
13 THE POINT WHERE WE'RE AT FINAL CHANGES AND THIS QUESTION HAS
14 NOT BEEN ANSWERED AND THE MAY FIGURES PROVIDED BY THE ASSESSOR
15 STILL HAS THIS AT .49, THEN THE PLAN AT THAT POINT WE'LL COME
16 TO YOU WITH A PLAN AT HOW WE'LL DEAL WITH IT. I HAVE SEVERAL
17 IDEAS RIGHT NOW. BUT I THINK IT IS EARLY RIGHT NOW. IT MAY BE
18 SOMETHING LIKE A PLACEHOLDER UNTIL WE FINISH THE BUDGET COME
19 SUPPLEMENTAL.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT IS WHAT IT IS AT THAT POINT.

22

23 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THE REAL KEY, THE AUDIT, I THINK, IS VERY,
24 VERY IMPORTANT. IF WE WERE AT A PLACE RIGHT NOW, SIR, AND I
25 UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERNS, AND I APOLOGIZE FOR COMING OVER. I



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1 HAD A QUESTION I HAD TO ASK. BUT I UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERNS.
2 BUT FOR MYSELF, I HAVE SERIOUS QUESTIONS REGARDING WHETHER OR
3 NOT THAT .49 IS ACCURATE. AND SO IF I WAS TO COME AND I WOULD
4 IMMEDIATELY REACT TO THAT AND ASSUME THAT IS ACCURATE AND THEN
5 COME BACK TO YOU AND THIS ENTIRE BOARD WITH A REDUCTION PLAN
6 SHORTLY AFTER I SUBMITTED THE PROPOSED BUDGET, THEN WE'D BE
7 IDENTIFYING SOME VERY SIGNIFICANT ADJUSTMENTS TO OUR BUDGET
8 THAT MAY NOT BE NECESSARY.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES. AND I'M NOT URGING IN ONE DIRECTION
11 OR THE OTHER.

12

13 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I UNDERSTAND THAT.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I WANT IT TO BE CLEAR THAT WHAT I AM
16 SEEKING TO DO IS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE THE INFORMATION
17 THAT WE NEED FROM WHEREVER IT IS TO COME, NAMELY THE AUDITOR-
18 CONTROLLER, AT A DATE CERTAIN, WITHIN REASON, SO THAT THE
19 DELIBERATIONS GO FORWARD UNINTERRUPTED AND WE DON'T HAVE A LOT
20 OF SPECULATION. AND AT THAT POINT BACK AND FORTH AS TO WHO WAS
21 SUPPOSED TO DELIVER WHAT AT WHAT TIME. THIS COULD GET VERY,
22 VERY CONTENTIOUS, AND I KNOW THAT IT CAN. AND I'M CALLING THIS
23 FORWARD NOW SO THAT WE CAN HAVE CLARITY, MR. CHAIRMAN AND
24 COLLEAGUES, AS TO WHEN THE AUDITOR REPORTER CONTROLLER,
25 RATHER, WILL ISSUE THE REPORT SO THAT THE C.E.O. CAN RELATE IN



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1 CONFIDENCE TO THE BOARD AS TO THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND
2 DELIBERATIONS. SO PERHAPS, MS. WATANABE, YOU CAN BE MORE
3 SPECIFIC. IF IT'S 45 DAYS, THEN WE'RE LOOKING AT 45 DAYS AND
4 THE C.E.O. CAN SAY THIS IS WHAT OUR GAME PLAN IS. BUT IT'S A
5 LITTLE TOO NONSPECIFIC IN TERMS OF DATE CERTAIN FOR ME AT THIS
6 JUNCTURE. AND I KNOW WHAT KIND OF RECIPE THAT IS.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT THE MOTION CALLED FOR, I
9 THOUGHT, WAS THAT WE WOULD GET A MONTHLY REPORT BACK, A STATUS
10 REPORT ON HOW YOU'RE PROGRESSING BECAUSE YOU COULDN'T GIVE US
11 AN EXACT TIME. I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY WAY SHE CAN KNOW AT
12 THIS POINT HOW LONG THE WHOLE THING WOULD TAKE. BUT TO GIVE US
13 A PROGRESS REPORT ON A MONTHLY BASIS EVERY FOUR WEEKS.

14

15 **WENDY WATANABE:** WE WILL.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AT THE BOARD IS WHAT WE'RE CALLING
18 FOR. BUT I THINK TO THE EXTENT YOU CAN GIVE US SOME KIND OF A
19 CALENDAR ON THIS IN YOUR PROJECTED, NOW THAT YOU'VE HEARD THIS
20 INTEREST IN GETTING AS MUCH SPECIFICITY AS POSSIBLE, MAYBE
21 THAT'S SOMETHING YOU COULD SHARE WITH US IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS
22 AFTER YOU'VE GIVEN IT SOME TIME.

23

24 **WENDY WATANABE:** SURE.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THAT OKAY? I WANT TO JUST GO
2 BACK TO THIS ISSUE. LET ME UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU WERE SAYING
3 BEFORE. I WANT TO MAKE SURE I UNDERSTAND IT CORRECTLY. YOU
4 WERE SAYING THAT BETWEEN JANUARY AND SEPTEMBER, THE AVERAGE,
5 BASED ON THE INFORMATION YOU HAD ABOUT JANUARY THROUGH
6 SEPTEMBER, THAT IT WAS GENERALLY STABLE. AND THAT YIELDED A
7 PROJECTION OF 1.77 PERCENT ON THE AVERAGE BASED ON THE
8 SEPTEMBER NUMBERS, AN AVERAGE OF 1.77 PERCENT INCREASE IN
9 ASSESSED VALUATION OF THE TAX ROLLS; IS THAT CORRECT?

10

11 **GEORGE RENKE:** THE INFORMATION, TO BE SPECIFIC --

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** JUST TELL ME AM I RIGHT? I KNOW
14 HOW I'M EXPRESSING IT. I DON'T KNOW YOUR JARGON. AS I
15 UNDERSTAND IT, BASED ON WHAT YOU SAID, THAT IF YOU TOOK THE
16 AVERAGE BETWEEN JANUARY AND SEPTEMBER, THAT WOULD HAVE LED --
17 AND THAT'S WHAT LED YOU TO SAY IN DECEMBER THAT YOU HAD A 1.77
18 PERCENT ON THE AVERAGE INCREASE IN THE TAX ROLLS, CORRECT?

19

20 **GEORGE RENKE:** YES, IT INDICATED THAT DURING THAT TIME PERIOD
21 BETWEEN JANUARY AND SEPTEMBER, THE OVERALL INDICATION WAS THAT
22 THE MARKET WAS STABLE.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO WHERE DOES THE FIVE
25 PERCENT DROP COME IN?



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2 **GEORGE RENKE:** AND THIS IS WHERE I'LL BE MORE SPECIFIC. FROM
3 JANUARY TO FEBRUARY IT SHOWED THAT THE MARKET WAS SLIGHTLY UP.
4 BETWEEN MARCH THROUGH MAY, IT SHOWED THAT THE MARKET WAS DOWN
5 LESS THAN ONE PERCENT. FROM MAY THROUGH JULY, IT SHOWED THAT
6 THE MARKET WAS UP A LITTLE BIT LESS THAN ONE PERCENT. SO THIS
7 IS WHY I'M SAYING IT'S GOING UP AND DOWN IN SMALL.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I UNDERSTAND THAT.

10

11 **GEORGE RENKE:** FROM JULY TO AUGUST, IT'S SHOWING IT'S GOING
12 DOWN BY LESS THAN ONE PERCENT DURING THAT TIME PERIOD. GOING
13 INTO SEPTEMBER, FROM AUGUST TO SEPTEMBER, IT WAS FLAT. GOING
14 FROM SEPTEMBER THROUGH JANUARY OF 2012, THE INDICATION IS THAT
15 IT DROPPED BETWEEN I'D SAY FOUR AND ONE-HALF TO FIVE PERCENT
16 DURING THAT TIME PERIOD. THAT'S WHERE WE SAW THE DROP-OFF.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND HOW DOES THAT COMPARE TO LAST
19 YEAR?

20

21 **GEORGE RENKE:** UNFORTUNATELY I DON'T HAVE THOSE STATISTICS IN
22 FRONT. I COULD PROVIDE THAT, BUT I DON'T HAVE IT IN FRONT OF
23 ME.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS IT COMMON OR UNCOMMON FOR A
2 YEAR TO GO BY WHERE YOU HAVE GENERALLY YOU'RE OPERATING PLUS
3 OR MINUS ONE PERCENT FOR NINE MONTHS AND THEN THE NEXT THREE
4 OR FOUR MONTHS YOU DROP BUY FOUR AND ONE-HALF TO FIVE PERCENT,
5 IS THAT COMMON OR UNCOMMON?

6

7 **GEORGE RENKE:** NO. IT'S VERY UNUSUAL. AND THAT'S WHY WE FIND
8 OURSELVES IN THIS SITUATION.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THIS IS NOT SCIENTIFIC. AND
11 I'M NOT AN ACCOUNTANT. BUT THIS IS WHERE THE ISSUE OF WHAT
12 HAPPENED TO CAUSE THIS IS FRONT AND CENTER WITH ME. AND I KNOW
13 OF NO EVENT, NO CHAIN OF EVENTS, NO TREND THAT WOULD HAVE
14 CAUSED THIS KIND OF A CURVE TO GO LIKE THAT FOR THREE, FOUR
15 MONTHS. IT DIDN'T HAPPEN THAT WAY IN '09 WHEN WE WERE
16 EXPERIENCING AN UNPRECEDENTED FORECLOSURE CRISIS. ACTUALLY
17 STARTED IN 2008, 2009, 2010, AND THEN NOW 2011 WHEN THINGS
18 WERE, AS YOU SAY, STABILIZING, IN ORDER FOR YOU, BASED ON WHAT
19 YOU'RE SAYING, THAT FROM JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER YOU WERE
20 AVERAGING 1.7 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE ROLLS TOTAL, TO GET TO
21 4.9, A REDUCTION OF 4.9, YOU WOULD HAVE HAD TO EXPERIENCE A
22 DROP OF C.E.O. HAS HANDED ME THIS, I'LL GIVE HIM CREDIT IN
23 CASE IT'S WRONG SO I CAN BLAME HIM FOR IT, A REDUCTION OF 7.25
24 PERCENT FOR THREE MONTHS. IN ORDER TO GET AN AVERAGE OF MINUS
25 .49. IF YOU WERE AVERAGING 1.77 PERCENT UP PLUS FOR NINE



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1 MONTHS, YOU WOULD HAVE HAD TO HAVE A DROP OF 7-1/4 PERCENT FOR
2 THE LAST THREE MONTHS, NOT 5 PERCENT BUT 7-1/4. IT SEEMS TO ME
3 THAT IF THERE'S A 7-1/4 DROP IN THE ASSESSED ROLLS IN THE LAST
4 QUARTER OF THE CALENDAR YEAR, THAT WE WOULD HAVE KNOWN ABOUT
5 IT NOT JUST FROM THE YOU BUT WE WOULD HAVE BEEN READING ABOUT
6 IT IN THE FRONT PAGE OF THE REAL ESTATE SECTION OF "THE WALL
7 STREET JOURNAL," THE L.A. BUSINESS JOURNAL, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN
8 COMMON KNOWLEDGE. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN TALKED ABOUT.

9

10 **JOHN NOGUEZ:** WE'RE READING IT NOW. WE'RE READING THESE STORIES
11 NOW. AND WE'RE SEEING THE PROJECTIONS OF THE NUMBERS OF THE
12 LAST QUARTER NOW. AND ACTUALLY IN 2009, THE PRELIMINARY
13 PROJECTION WAS, IN FACT, MINUS .55 AN, WHICH WAS REVISED TO
14 MINUS 2.99. SO IN 2009--

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, BUT THAT WAS 2009 WHEN THERE
17 WAS TREMENDOUS VOLATILITY DOWNWARD. SEE, I CAN LOOK AT THAT
18 AND SAY THERE'S NOTHING UNUSUAL ABOUT THAT BECAUSE
19 FORECLOSURES WERE GOING CRAZY IN MANY COMMUNITIES AROUND THE
20 COUNTRY. WHOLE COMMUNITIES HAD FORECLOSURE SIGNS ON THEIR
21 FRONT LAWNS, THEIR FRONT DOORS. AND SO ANECDOTALLY, I FEEL I
22 CAN EXPLAIN THAT. I CAN'T EXPLAIN IT IN SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER,
23 NOVEMBER, DECEMBER OF 2011. IT JUST DOESN'T COMPUTE.

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1 **GEORGE RENKE:** YEAH, ACTUALLY THAT'S A GOOD POINT AS FAR AS
2 WHAT YOU MENTIONED FORECLOSURES, ALSO. BECAUSE THAT IS PART OF
3 THE PROBLEM. AND THAT WAS CITED AS PART OF THE PROBLEM.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BUT IT WAS A BIGGER PROBLEM TWO
6 YEARS AGO.

7

8 **GEORGE RENKE:** AGREED. BUT WHAT HAD HAPPENED IN CURRENT EVENTS,
9 THAT A LOT OF THE FORECLOSURES WERE DELAYED BECAUSE THEY HAD
10 ISSUES WITH THE PAPERWORK. THAT SINCE THAT TIME HAVE NOW BEEN
11 RESOLVED. SO WE'RE NOW SEEING A LOT OF THOSE FORECLOSURES
12 SALES THAT WERE DELAYED ARE NOW ENTERING THE MARKET AND
13 BECOMING PART OF THE MARKET, WHICH IS CAUSING PART OF THAT
14 DECLINE.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BUT THAT'S THE KIND OF THING THAT
17 THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE SHOULD BE ABLE TO ANTICIPATE GENERALLY
18 BECAUSE YOUR PEOPLE ARE TRAINED TO DO THIS. YOU'RE TRAINED TO
19 DO THIS.

20

21 **JOHN NOGUEZ:** CORRECT.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU HAVE TO GET A LICENSE TO BE AN
24 APPRAISER, AN ASSESSOR AND ALL THAT SORT OF THING. YOU'RE
25 TRAINED TO DO THIS. YOU'RE IN THE MARKETPLACE. YOU KNOW WHAT'S



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1 GOING ON. AND IT WAS LIKE, I DON'T MEAN THIS AS AN INSULT, I
2 MEAN YOU WERE CLUELESS. YOU HAD NO CLUE. IT APPEARS THAT YOU
3 HAD NO CLUE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR UNTIL EARLIER THIS YEAR THAT
4 THIS VOLATILITY WAS TAKING PLACE. AND IT'S JUST SUCH A
5 DRAMATIC CHANGE. ANYWAY, WE'RE BEATING--

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** WE'VE ALL TALKED ABOUT THE SHADOW INVENTORY. WE
8 KNOW THAT THERE WAS INVENTORY, PARTICULARLY IN NORTH COUNTY,
9 OF SOME OF THESE PROPERTIES, THE THING I CAN'T UNDERSTAND
10 KNOWING THAT AND YOU KNOWING THAT AND EVERYBODY TALKING ABOUT
11 IT THEN HOW YOU COULD COME IN WITH AN ESTIMATE LIKE YOU DID
12 NUMBER ONE, UP FRONT, OR NUMBER TWO, AT LEAST SOME CAVEAT
13 SAYING WE'VE GOT THIS-- I MEAN THIS IS NOT FIVE PROPERTIES
14 ROLLING OUT. YOU'RE TALKING 500,000. SOMEBODY IN YOUR SHOP HAD
15 TO KNOW THAT. SOMEBODY HAD TO KNOW THAT. AND FOR YOU TO
16 RELEASE A NUMBER LIKE THAT AND HAVE OUR C.E.O. AND THE BUDGET
17 TEAM WORKING OFF THAT NUMBER AND TO COME BACK AFTER A THREE-
18 MONTH HIATUS OF SOME SORT AND SAY "OH, BY THE WAY, WE MADE
19 THIS LITTLE MISTAKE." I MEAN 500,000 PROPERTIES WAS NOT AN
20 OVERNIGHT THING. I MEAN, THAT'S THE PIECE OF THIS PUZZLE THAT
21 I'M HAVING A HARD TIME WITH, YOU TALKING ABOUT THIS REPORT IN
22 2000. YOU KNOW WHAT? I MEAN IT'S MORE ACCURATE THAN THAT.
23 YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN MORE ACCURATE THAN THAT. AND IF IT WAS A
24 PROBLEM, THE PROBLEM SHOULD HAVE BEEN REFLECTED IN THE
25 ORIGINAL NUMBER SO THAT, YOU KNOW, WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS



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1 OPERATE OFF A NUMBER THAT WE'RE GIVEN, EITHER BY THE C.E.O.,
2 BY THE STATE, WHATEVER IT MAY BE. RE-ALIGNMENT, GOT ALL THOSE
3 ISSUES GOING. THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE TO WORK WITH. INSTEAD, WE'VE
4 GOT SUPPOSEDLY, AND I'M LIKE WITH THE C.E.O., I'VE NEVER SEEN
5 ANYTHING LIKE THIS. HOPEFULLY THAT NUMBER IS INACCURATE. AND
6 AN AUDIT IS GOING TO TELL US THAT. AND FOR THAT TO JUST TO
7 TRANSPIRE OVERNIGHT IS MIND BOGGLING TO ME, ABSOLUTELY MIND
8 BOGGLING.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH. JUST ONE QUICK FACTUAL
11 QUESTION. WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THE TAX ROLL IS COMMERCIAL
12 PROPERTY, COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL AND WHAT PORTION IS
13 RESIDENTIAL?

14

15 **GEORGE RENKE:** THE SINGLE-FAMILY/ CONDO MARKET IS ABOUT 70
16 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL ROLL.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. ANTONOVICH?

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** QUESTION. WHEN DID YOU NOTIFY OUR SCHOOL
21 DISTRICTS AND CITIES ABOUT THIS IMPACT, POTENTIAL IMPACT TO
22 THEIR BUDGETS?

23

24 **JOHN NOGUEZ:** WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF DOING THAT NOW.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THEY ARE NOT AWARE?

2

3 **JOHN NOGUEZ:** NOT YET.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BECAUSE SCHOOL DISTRICTS HAVE TO NOTIFY
6 TEACHERS I BELIEVE IT'S THE END OF MARCH, END OF MAY IF
7 THEY'RE GOING TO BE HIRED IN THE FALL. THAT'S HOW THEY BASE
8 THEIR BUDGET. THEY'RE IN A, YOU KNOW, THIS IS GOING TO BE A
9 SEVERE TSUNAMI TO THE SCHOOLS AND TO THE CITIES. WHEN DO YOU
10 ANTICIPATE THAT NOTIFICATION GOING OUT?

11

12 **JOHN NOGUEZ:** WE AND IT ANTICIPATE GOING OUT BEFORE THURSDAY OF
13 THIS WEEK.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THEY'LL RECEIVE IT BY FRIDAY OR MONDAY THE
16 FOLLOWING WEEK?

17

18 **JOHN NOGUEZ:** YES.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PERHAPS YOU COULD MAYBE DO A TELEPHONING SO
21 THAT THEY'RE APPRISED OF THIS SITUATION RIGHT NOW.

22

23 **JOHN NOGUEZ:** DULY NOTED. THANK YOU.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?
2 THANK YOU.

3

4 **JOHN NOGUEZ:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MEMBERS.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BOTH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. AND WE'LL
7 JUST GET ON WITH THE AUDIT. IF THERE'S NO OTHER DISCUSSION,
8 I'LL MOVE IT. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WILL SECOND. WITHOUT
9 OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE ON THE MOTION. ALL RIGHT. WHAT DO WE
10 HAVE NEXT? SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNING
11 MOTIONS? YOU'RE NOT HOLDING ANYTHING. OKAY. PUBLIC COMMENT?
12 ERIC PREVEN? I'M CALLING FOUR PEOPLE UP. IRENE PANG. ONOFRIO
13 BERTOLINI AND ETHEL JOHNSON. IS IRENE PANG HERE? SHE IS. OKAY.
14 IS ONOFRIO BERTOLINI HERE? COME ON UP. ETHEL JOHNSON? MRS.
15 JOHNSON? IS THAT HER? OKAY, FINE. MR. PREVEN, YOU'RE ON.

16

17 **ERIC PREVEN:** MY NAME IS ERIC PREVEN AND I'M THE COUNTY
18 RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3 AND THIS NEWS IS COMPLETELY
19 DEVASTATING TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. I MEAN, THE IDEA THAT SO
20 MUCH MONEY COULD BE-- THE IDEA THAT THERE COULD BE SUCH A
21 MISCALCULATION IS AS BAFFLING TO US AS MUCH THAN ALL OF YOU.
22 THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS THAT I DO NOT FEEL THAT BY REQUESTING
23 THAT MR. NOGUEZ AND MISS WATANABE AND MR. FUJIOKA BE THE TEAM
24 TO EXPLORE THROUGH AUDIT WHAT EXACTLY WENT WRONG WITHOUT SOME
25 KIND OF OUTSIDE SUPERVISION, I MEAN I DON'T UNDERSTAND. MANY



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1 RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING HOW THIS KIND OF SELF-REVIEW
2 PROCESS WHERE THE ONLY REPORT IS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
3 IS THE EXACT KIND OF STRATEGY THAT HAS PUT US IN THIS
4 SITUATION. AND I DON'T KNOW THAT ANYBODY IS OF COURSE
5 PERSONALLY TO BLAME FOR THIS. I MEAN WE ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE
6 SCANDALS THAT WE'VE READ ABOUT IN THE NEWSPAPERS ABOUT PEOPLE
7 BEING GIVEN FAVORABLE RECONSIDERATION OF THEIR PROPERTY TAXES.
8 THOSE ALLEGATIONS ARE MERELY ALLEGATIONS. BUT THEY ARE VERY
9 SERIOUS. AND WE'VE READ ABOUT OTHERS WHO HAVE HAD VALUATIONS
10 THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ADJUSTED DOWNWARD. THIS IS A DISASTER. AND
11 I THINK WE ALL KNOW IT. AND I'M NOT THE ONE BRINGING IT TO
12 YOUR ATTENTION. BUT I CERTAINLY FEEL ON BEHALF OF OTHER
13 RESIDENTS LIKE ME THAT WE EXPECT A WEEKLY REPORT BACK FROM
14 WHOEVER IS GOING TO GET INVOLVED IN THIS. AND I WOULD
15 CERTAINLY URGE YOU TO BRING IN SOME KIND OF AN INDEPENDENT
16 AUDITOR. I MEAN, THE IDEA THAT, YOU KNOW, THE TEAM THAT HAS
17 GONE DEEP ON BONDS ON ALL THIS, I'VE BEEN REPORTING TO THIS
18 BOARD ABOUT WHAT I DESCRIBE AS FISCAL FUZZINESS FOR A LONG
19 TIME. AND I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE THIS. THIS REMIND ME OF THE DAY
20 WHEN THE FIRST FIVE L.A. STORY CAME IN. I THINK THE IMPACT ON
21 THIS IS GOING TO BE SIGNIFICANTLY GREATER.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. IRENE PANG?

24



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1 **IRENE PANG:** I'M IRENE PANG. I OBJECT TO ANYONE WHO CREATE THE
2 CHILD OR OTHER ABUSE OR CREATE PHYSICAL ATTACK DIRECTLY THAT
3 ON MY FAMILY, CHILDREN OR PATIENTS TO BE PERJURY SUSPECT
4 PATIENT TO THEIR OFFICE IN TV OR NEWSPAPER. THOSE CREATOR HAD
5 RESPONSE TO THE PENALTY OR UNDER INVESTIGATION. MY FAMILY
6 CHILD CHILDREN STUDY UNIVERSITY AND MOST FINISH FROM
7 UNIVERSITY. I BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE U.S. CITIZENS EVEN THOUGH
8 GRANDMA WAS U.S. CITIZEN BUT SHE PASSED AWAY ONE DAY AFTER
9 LAST CHRISTMAS. SINCE THE ABUSE SO THE PURPOSE OF THE CREATORS
10 MY FAMILY MEMBERS AND MY FRIENDS NEED THE SUPPORT AND
11 PROTECTION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF U.S. AND TOGETHER TO THEIR
12 BEST DEFEND OUR SOCIETY AND NATION. I REQUIRE [INAUDIBLE] ALL
13 OF THEM [INAUDIBLE] NEEDS AND BOTH VICTIMS AND SAID PROPERTY
14 OR ANY BELONGS WHEN ANY ACCESS ON PROPERTY OR ANY BELONGS ;OSS
15 AND DAMAGE THEY CAUSE BY THE PERSONS WHO CAUSE OF ACTION.
16 HOLDING ACCESS AND PROPERTY AND BELONGINGS THAT AGAINST THE
17 OWNERSHIP OF BELONGINGS. I EXPECT FOR MY RESPECTFUL TO THE
18 GOVERNMENT AND THUS THEY SEE THEM. PROGRESS IN THE COLLECTION
19 OF THE COMPLICATED CASES AND SINCE THE VICTIMS AND GOOD
20 RESIDENTS AND THE CITIZENS AND PROTECT ALL THE SOCIETY AND THE
21 NATION. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME IS UP. THANK YOU, MISS
24 PANG. MR. BERTOLINI, BEFORE YOU START, LET ME CALL UP JASMINE



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1 JAUREGUI, AND QUANMESHA SMITH? IS MISS JAUREGUI HERE? AND MISS
2 SMITH IS COMING? OKAY. MR. BERTOLINI?

3

4 **ONOFRIO BERTOLINI:** YES, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. MY
5 NAME IS ONOFRIO BERTOLINI, I HAVE THE PLEASURE OF LIVING IN
6 MR. KNABE'S DISTRICT. FOR MANY YEARS I LIVED IN MR.
7 ANTONOVICH'S DISTRICT. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I'M PROUD OF
8 THAT YOU ALL RECOGNIZE THAT PEOPLE WHO VOLUNTEER AND COMMIT TO
9 SERVICE AS A VOLUNTEER, IT'S A VALUE TO EVERYBODY. I'M A
10 MEMBER OF THE ARCHITECTURAL EVALUATION BOARD. I'M A LITTLE
11 DISAPPOINTED THAT I DIDN'T GET TO SPEAK BEFORE YOU DID THE
12 SUNSETTING, BUT LET ME JUST CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO A COUPLE OF
13 THINGS THAT I FEEL ARE IMPORTANT. IT SAYS HERE IN THING, IN
14 ITEM 26, "TO IMPLEMENT AND OPEN A QUALIFICATION-BASED
15 SOLICITATION PROCESS FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL
16 ENGINEERING SERVICES, CONTRACTS FOR COUNTY CAPITAL PROJECTS."
17 WELL THE ARCHITECTURAL EVALUATION BOARD HAS BEEN DOING THIS
18 SINCE 1969. WE ARE AN INDEPENDENT SERIES OF PROFESSIONALS WHO
19 HAVE GIVEN TREMENDOUS SERVICE TO THE COUNTY. AND WE DON'T FEEL
20 THAT SUNSETTING US WAS A GOOD IDEA BECAUSE THE PRACTICE WAS AN
21 ARM'S LENGTH PRACTICE OF INDEPENDENT ARCHITECTS GIVING AN
22 EVALUATION AND DOING IT AT VIRTUALLY NO COST. WE'RE UNPAID
23 COMMISSIONERS. THE ONLY COST WAS A CONTACT PERSON WITH THE
24 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. AND THAT HISTORY OF WHAT REALLY
25 OCCURRED BACK IN 1969 HAS TO DO WITH THE CITIZEN ECONOMY AND



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1 EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED TO THE BOARD THAT THIS A.E.B.
2 BE CREATED. WE'RE ANXIOUS ABOUT ALL THAT WE HAVE DONE, THE
3 HISTORY THAT WE HAVE DONE, THE GOOD THAT WE HAVE DONE TO THE
4 COUNTY. AND WE WOULD HAVE WANTED A LITTLE BIT MORE TIME TO
5 HAVE EVALUATED BEFORE YOU SUNSETTED THE GROUP. AGAIN, I, AS A
6 VOLUNTEER ALL MY LIFE, I THINK THIS IS A GOOD THING TO HAVE
7 INDEPENDENT PEOPLE GIVE THEIR SERVICE, THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND
8 THEIR EXPERTISE.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ETHEL
11 JOHNSON?

12

13 **ETHEL JOHNSON:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD. I'VE BEEN VERY SICK, ILL,
14 BUT I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF ALL OF YOU COMMISSIONERS, MICHAEL D.
15 ANTONOVICH, WE HAVE REALLY HELPED QUITE A BIT OF PEOPLE. WE
16 HAVE SECTION 8 AND I'M JUST SAYING THAT EVERY ONE OF YOU HAVE
17 BEEN A PART OF ME ALSO OUT IN THE COMMUNITY AND COMMUNITY
18 SERVICE. ALSO AS FAR AS THE CORRECTIONAL DEPARTMENT, SOME OF
19 THE INMATES COMING HOME AND EVERYTHING, I'VE JUST BEEN BUSY.
20 AND ALSO I GOT A LETTER FROM ANTONOVICH'S AREA THAT THEY HAVE
21 SECTION 8 RIGHT NOW, WHICH IS LOW INCOME WOULD BE ABOUT 500
22 DOLLARS A MONTH. YOU, TOO, MRS. MOLINA, IN LONG BEACH. I'M NOT
23 REALLY ABLE TO TALK TOO MUCH. (COUGHING). AND ALSO MARTIN
24 LUTHER KING HOSPITAL IS REALLY BUILDING UP TO HAVE OUR PRIMARY
25 DOCTORS, VERY CLEAN, I MEAN EVERYTHING IS VERY NEAT AND VERY



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1 CLEAN. I HAVE TO GIVE THAT TO THEM BECAUSE I'VE BEEN IN THERE.
2 AND I WAS TRANSFERRED OVER TO HARBOR GENERAL HOSPITAL AND IT'S
3 DOING PRETTY WELL. SO I'M LOOKING AT MY PAPERS FOR 2009. YOU
4 KNOW I GOT A CHECK AND COULDN'T EVEN CASH IT FOR 4,000
5 DOLLARS. SO RIGHT NOW, BUT ALL OF US WORK TOGETHER, I THINK
6 WE'LL COME OUT OKAY. I THANK THE BOARD AND I THANK GOD FOR
7 JUST BEING HERE. A PART OF THE COUNTY. RIGHT? THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. JASMINE?

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11 **ETHEL JOHNSON:** YAROSLAVSKY, CAN I RETIRE?

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

14

15 **JASMINE JAUREGUI:** HELLO MY NAME IS JASMINE JAUREGUI AND I'M
16 HERE WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. AS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF
17 THE COMMUNITY WHO HAS WITNESSED THE EFFECTIVENESS OF YOUR
18 WORK, I AM TELLING YOU THAT THE MONEY ON ITEM 13 IS
19 OUTRAGEOUS. THE PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY WHO THIS IS AFFECTING
20 SHOULD COMMAND YOU AND TELL YOU HOW WE CAN GROW AND WHAT
21 TACTICS WORK BEST. I AM SPEAKING FOR THE MOST NUMBER OF THE
22 COMMUNITY THAT MORE POLICE IS NOT THE ANSWER. SLOWLY AND
23 STEADILY, OUR SYSTEM IS DECLINING ON WHAT WE RAN ON, WHICH IS
24 THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE BY THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE
25 SHALL NOT PERISH FROM THE EARTH. I'M JUST SPEAKING IN REGARDS



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1 BECAUSE MORE MONEY IS BEING GIVEN TO POLICE AND NOT TO THE
2 COMMUNITIES. IT JUST DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT. I JUST WANT TO LET
3 YOU GUYS KNOW MY OPINION AND THE OPINIONS OF MANY PEOPLE WHO
4 ARE GROWING CONCERNS OF HOW THE BUDGET IS BEING RAN.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. BEFORE MISS SMITH
7 SPEAKS. LET ME CALL UP EMELIO LACQUES, HENRY SANDOVAL AND
8 KRUTI PAREKH? EMELIO LACQUES, IS THAT YOU? AND HENRY SANDOVAL?
9 AND MISS PAREKH. SORRY. OKAY. MISS SMITH?

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11 **QUANMESHA SMITH:** READY FOR ME?

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

14

15 **QUANMESHA SMITH:** OKAY. HI, MY NAME IS QUANMESHA AND I'M FROM
16 THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. AND I'M A FORMER STUDENT AND I
17 JUST RECENTLY GRADUATED FROM THE Y.J.C. AND JUST GOING THERE
18 AND BEING A STUDENT AND ALSO A PART TIME YOUTH ORGANIZER, YOU
19 REALLY GET TO SEE LIKE BOTH SIDES. THIS NUMBER ON HERE IS JUST
20 LIKE, THAT'S JUST LIKE THIS IS WHERE WE DRAW THE LINE. LIKE
21 IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO STOP IMPLEMENTING MONEY INTO JAILS AND
22 PRISONS AND GIVING OUR YOUTH AND OUR COMMUNITY WHAT THEY
23 REALLY NEED, AND THAT'S MORE Y.J.C. SPACES. HALF THIS MONEY
24 THAT YOU'RE IMPLEMENTING INTO OTHER THINGS COULD GO TOWARDS
25 MORE SCHOOLS AND ALSO KEEPING ALL OUR YOUTH OFF THE STREETS



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1 AND SAFE. AND I HAVE A SON. SO IT'S LIKE REALLY, REALLY THAT'S
2 REALLY A PLUS. IT'S PUSHING ME. BECAUSE MY SON, HE'S PART OF
3 THE FUTURE. AND YOU JUST WASTING YOUR MONEY. AND WE NEED THAT.
4 WE NEED IT. AND OUR YOUTH NEEDS IT. OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS IT. I
5 WALK AROUND, AND THERE'S LIKE SO MUCH TAGGING AND ALL SORTS OF
6 STUFF JUST GOING ON THAT'S UNNECESSARY WHEN WE COULD JUST
7 HANDLE THAT WITH THIS MONEY THAT YOU GUYS HAVE. WE COME UP
8 HERE BECAUSE WE WANT TO ASK YOU TO PLEASE IMPLEMENT HALF OF
9 THIS MONEY, IF POSSIBLE ALL OF IT, INTO STUFF THAT'S REALLY,
10 REALLY NEEDED RIGHT NOW. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. EMILIO?

13

14 **EMILIO LACQUES:** HI, MY NAME IS EMILIO LACQUES, I'M A YOUTH
15 ORGANIZER WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION AND I'M ALSO HERE
16 TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 13 ON REALIGNMENT. I VOLUNTEER
17 FOR WHAT IS CALLED A "WELCOME HOME LOS ANGELES" EVENT THAT THE
18 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION AND MANY OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS
19 HELD. AND WE'RE HAVING ANOTHER ONE THIS COMING WEEKEND. AND
20 THAT IS AN EVENT WHERE WE PROVIDE RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY
21 MEMBERS TO COME THROUGH THAT HAVE BEEN THROUGH PUSHED INTO THE
22 SYSTEM AND THAT HAVE BEEN IN JAIL TRYING TO RE-ENTER THE
23 COMMUNITY AND PROVIDE THEM WITH THE RESOURCES NECESSARY TO BE
24 STRONG COMMUNITY MEMBERS. AND THESE ARE THE TYPE OF THINGS
25 THAT WE NEED TO BE INVESTING IN, NOT CREATING NEW JAILS. NOT



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1 CRIMINALIZING THE YOUTH. AND I CAN SEE AS I SPEAK RIGHT NOW,
2 NONE OF YOU ARE REALLY EVEN PAYING ATTENTION. YOU DON'T EVEN
3 CARE WHAT THE COMMUNITY HAS TO SAY. SO WHAT DOES THAT SAY
4 ABOUT YOUR PRIORITIES? I THINK YOU NEED TO THINK ABOUT THAT.
5 AND IF YOU DON'T, WE'RE GOING TO COME BACK AND MAKE SURE THAT
6 YOU THINK ABOUT THAT BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT REPRESENTING US RIGHT
7 NOW. YOU'RE HAVING SIDE CONVERSATIONS. NO ONE'S EVEN
8 LISTENING.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** EMILIO, JUST STICK TO THE SUBJECT,
11 OKAY. EVERYBODY HAS THEIR OWN WAY OF LISTENING.

12

13 **EMILO LACQUES:** WELL NO ONE'S LISTENING TO ME RIGHT NOW.
14 THEY'RE HAVING SIDE CONVERSATIONS.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I BELIEVE THERE'S THREE PEOPLE
17 THAT ARE LOOKING RIGHT HERE LOOKING STRAIGHT AT YOU.

18

19 **EMILO LACQUES:** YEAH, AFTER I CALLED THEIR ATTENTION.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO, NO.

22

23 **EMILIO LACQUES:** THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED. ARE YOU CALLING ME A
24 LIAR?

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU GOT 30 MORE SECONDS.

2

3 **EMILIO LACQUES:** WELL, I HOPE THAT WE HAVE THE RESPECT THAT WE
4 DESERVE AS COMMUNITY MEMBERS TRYING TO IMPLEMENT POSITIVE
5 THINGS FOR FOLKS THAT HAVE BEEN THROUGH THIS INJUSTICE SYSTEM.
6 AND I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD SUPPORT US IN THIS
7 ENDEAVOR BECAUSE WE'RE DOING A GRAND WORK FOR IT. WE DON'T
8 WANT JAIL EXPANSIONS. WE'RE TRYING TO HELP FOLKS THAT ARE
9 COMING OUT RE-ENTER INTO THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. SANDOVAL?

12

13 **HENRY SANDOVAL:** HELLO, BOARD. MY NAME IS HENRY SANDOVAL FROM
14 THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I'VE BEEN HERE MORE THAN MANY
15 TIMES ON THIS MATTER REGARDING THIS MATTER. AND I WANT TO SAY
16 THAT WHERE'S THE EFFECTIVENESS FOR THOSE WHO COME OUT WITHIN
17 OUR COMMUNITIES, RIGHT? JOB TRAININGS? HOW ARE PEOPLE SUPPOSED
18 TO GET JOBS WITHOUT-- HAVE YOU GUYS EVEN EVER HAD THAT
19 CONVERSATION ABOUT COMING OUT WITH THE I.D.S? HOW ARE WE
20 SUPPOSED TO GET JOBS OR EVEN BUS PASSES FOR A MONTH? HOW ARE
21 THEY EVEN SUPPOSED TO LOOK FOR JOBS? I'M ALWAYS CONSTANTLY
22 COMING OVER HERE AND SAYING THE SAME THING OVER AND OVER AND
23 OVER AGAIN. AND JUST YESTERDAY I FOUND OUT THAT NO MONEY IS
24 GOING TO BE GIVING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY RESOURCES. I JUST FEEL
25 LIKE IS THAT REALLY WHERE-- AT LEAST SOME MONEY WOULD HAVE



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1 MADE SOME DIFFERENCE TO THE COMMUNITY IF SOME OF THAT MONEY
2 WAS ALLOCATED TO THE COMMUNITY. SOMETHING WOULD HAVE BEEN DONE
3 WITH THAT MONEY. AND I'M JUST RAISING THIS CONCERN BECAUSE
4 IT'S NOT JUST ME BUT, YOU KNOW, ACTUALLY I COME AND TAKE MY
5 TIME. THERE'S A LOT OF YOUTH COME OUT OVER HERE ALL THE TIME
6 TELLING YOU GUYS WHAT WE ACTUALLY NEED. AND WHAT WE ACTUALLY
7 NEED IS THESE SMALL RESOURCES, THESE LITTLE SMALL THINGS
8 INSTEAD OF JAIL EXPANSIONS. HOW WOULD IT BE IF LIKE MAYBE 10
9 OF THEM, 10 OUT OF 100 GET A JOB? THAT'S 10 PERCENT LESS MONEY
10 BEING SPENT ON THOSE JAILS. IT'S JUST A LITTLE BIT OF THAT
11 MONEY THAT YOU HAVE TO INVEST INTO THE COMMUNITY, JUST AT
12 LEAST ONE PERCENT WOULD HAVE MADE A HUGE DIFFERENCE. IT'S
13 BETTER HELPING ONE PERSON THAN HELPING NONE AT ALL. AND I KNOW
14 YOU GUYS ARE HELPING PEOPLE, BUT WITHIN THE COMMUNITIES I
15 THINK THE COMMUNITIES HAVE MORE OF THE INSIDE AND MORE IN-
16 DEPTH RELATIONSHIPS THAN ANYTHING ELSE. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. BEFORE MS. PAREKH
19 SPEAKS, LET ME ASK ARNOLD SACHS, JOHN NAHHAS AND OSCAR JOHNSON
20 TO COME FORWARD. MS. PAREKH?

21

22 **KRUTI PAREKH:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. IT'S NICE TO SEE EVERYBODY.
23 MY NAME IS KRUTI PAREKH, I'M A YOUTH ADVOCATE AT THE YOUTH
24 JUSTICE COALITION. I'M A TEACHER. I'M A MOTHER. AND WE'VE HAD
25 A REALLY ROUGH MORNING. A LOT OF US WENT TO L.A.P.D. TO TRY



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1 AND RESCIND SPECIAL ORDER 1 OR SPECIAL ORDER 11. AND IT'S
2 BASICALLY SPYING ON COMMUNITY, TAKING IT TO ANOTHER LEVEL OF
3 SUPPRESSION. AND THESE THINGS ARE VERY LINKED FOR ME. TWO OF
4 MY STUDENTS RECENTLY GOT SHOT AND KILLED. ANOTHER ONE GOT
5 KILLED BY A TRAIN. WE'RE JUST HAVING A LOT OF DEATHS. TRAYVON
6 MARTIN, WE'RE MOURNING OVER HIS DEATH RECENTLY. ANOTHER YOUNG
7 BLACK MALE GOT KILLED IN PASADENA. SO THE VIOLENCE IS UP FRONT
8 AND PERSONAL FOR A LOT OF US, SO EXCUSE US IF WE'RE
9 FRUSTRATED. IT'S JUST THAT MANY OF US HAVE COME HERE AGAIN AND
10 AGAIN ASKING YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP IN CREATING SAFER
11 STREETS. AND ESPECIALLY FOR RE-ALIGNMENT, I DON'T FEAR PEOPLE
12 THAT ARE COMING HOME. I CREATE SPACES WHERE PEOPLE CAN COME
13 HOME SAFELY. AND EMILIO TALKED ABOUT A WELCOME HOME CENTER
14 WHERE FOR 400 DOLLARS WE WERE ABLE TO PUT TOGETHER SOMETHING
15 THAT CONNECTS PEOPLE THAT ARE COMING HOME TO THE COMMUNITY.
16 AND, Y'ALL I'M SURE ARE VERY, VERY FRUSTRATED BECAUSE YOU JUST
17 HAD A HUGE ACCOUNTABILITY CONVERSATION ABOUT DOLLARS, BUT IT'S
18 NOT ADDING UP TO ME. AND I KNOW THAT ALL OF US AT THE YOUTH
19 JUSTICE COALITION AND MANY OF OUR COMMUNITY ALLIES ARE
20 CONSTANTLY LOOKING TO PARTNER WITH YOU TO HELP YOU FIGURE OUT
21 HOW WE CAN BETTER SUPPORT COMMUNITIES. RIGHT NOW THERE'S SUCH
22 A DIVIDE. AND WE'RE JUST TRYING TO CONNECT THOSE DIVIDES. FOR
23 MONTHS AND MONTHS PEOPLE CAME UP TO SAY THE THINGS THAT PEOPLE
24 COMING HOME NEED ARE BUS PASSES AND TRANSPORTATION AND
25 SUPPORT, HOUSING, COUNSELING, FAMILY REUNIFICATION, JOBS, JOBS



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1 AND MORE JOBS. SO PLEASE PARTNER WITH US SO WE WILL BE ABLE TO
2 HELP.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. MR. SACHS?

5

6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.

7 CONGRATULATIONS, SUPERVISOR THOMAS, ON ORDERING ANOTHER AUDIT.
8 AND I WAS DOING A LITTLE BIT OF AUDITING ON SOME PAPERWORK AND
9 I WAS LOOKING AT THE COLISEUM, THE THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN GOING
10 ON THERE. IT'S ABSOLUTELY AMAZING. IT'S REALLY SHAME THAT THE
11 YOUNG GIRL DIED BECAUSE IF SHE HADN'T DIED, ALL THIS STUFF
12 WOULD HAVE BEEN KEPT GOING ON BECAUSE THE REASONS ACTUALLY
13 COMING TO LIGHT IS SOMEBODY IS LOOKING TO SUE SOMEBODY OVER
14 THIS DEATH AND THEY'RE UNCOVERING ALL THIS DIRT. BUT WHAT WAS
15 INTERESTING IS THIS DOCUMENT FROM JUNE 9, 2011, THEY SHOW THIS
16 GENTLEMAN'S SCHEDULE A-2 INVESTMENT INCOMES AND ASSETS OF
17 BUSINESS ENTITIES TRUST. THE BUSINESS ENTITY OR TRUST NAME IS
18 L.A.C.E. EVENTS. LOS ANGELES COLISEUM EVENTS. SOUNDS VERY,
19 VERY OFFICIAL. AND I CAN IMAGINE YOU'D SEE THAT ON AN AUDIT
20 LINE AND SAY "OKAY, THAT SOUND LIKE A REASONABLE, GOOD
21 EXPENSE." ONLY THAT'S THE FRONT SO THAT THE GUY COULD GET HIS
22 OWN MONEY AND GET PAID, GET THE CHECKS FROM COCA-COLA, GOT THE
23 CHECKS FROM UNIVERSITY, SOUTHERN WINE COMPANY, GO VENTURES,
24 INSOMNIAC AND PASS THE MONEY THROUGH. SO WHY DO I BRING THAT
25 UP? BECAUSE THIS SOUNDS AWFULLY OFFICIAL. LOS ANGELES TO



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1 PASADENA BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY? DOESN'T THAT SOUND
2 OFFICIAL? SOUNDS OFFICIAL TO ME. THEY EVEN HAD A MEETING. THEY
3 HAVE DOCUMENTATION WITH AN AGENDA ITEM. THEY HAVE HAD MORE
4 MEETINGS THAN THE BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. WHICH IS
5 THE OFFICIAL GROUP. THIS GUY FROM GO VENTURES IS BEING
6 PROSECUTED. NOBODY'S BEING PROSECUTED FROM METRO. SO I HAVE A
7 SUGGESTION FOR THE GENTLEMAN. GO METRO. CALL THESE KNUCKLE
8 HEADS WHO SIT ON THE BOARD AT THE MTA AS WITNESSES AND ASK
9 THEM HOW THEY MANAGED TO DO THAT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. YOUR TIME'S UP.

12

13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** MODIFY THE LAW.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** JOHN NAHHAS?

16

17 **JOHN NAHHAS:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JOHN NAHHAS
18 I'M WITH THE BUILDING COALITION. I THINK THIS MORNING REALLY
19 SPEAKS TO WHY WE NEED MORE AND MORE OPEN GOVERNMENT. I MEAN
20 THIS IS TEXTBOOK. THIS IS ABSOLUTELY TEXTBOOK. WE SAT HERE FOR
21 AN HOUR AND LISTENED TO HOW THIS AUDIT WENT. AND OUR CHAIRMAN
22 SAID "CLUELESS". THE WORD CLUELESS CAME UP. AND THIS ISN'T THE
23 FIRST TIME THIS WORD HAS COME UP. SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S USED IT.
24 OTHER SUPERVISORS HAVE USED IT, "CLUELESS". WE NEED OPEN
25 GOVERNMENT. WE HAVE PEOPLE THAT ARE OUT HERE COMING TO SPEAK



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1 TO YOU, AND YOU'RE TUNED OUT. YOU HEARD ANOTHER SPEAKER TALK
2 ABOUT IT. YOU'RE TUNED OUT. WE SAVED YOU A MILLION DOLLARS BY
3 GOING TO PUBLIC MEETINGS AND FINDING THAT ONE OF OUR LESSEES,
4 OUR DEVELOPERS, WAS IN DEFAULT OF HIS LEASE. COUNTY COUNSEL
5 SAID NO. HE'S NOT DEFAULTED HIS LEASE. A MONTH LATER, COUNTY
6 COUNSEL CAME BACK AND SAID 'OH, YEAH, HE WAS IN DEFAULT OF HIS
7 LEASE. THANK YOU, PUBLIC. THANK YOU FOR GOING TO THESE
8 MEETINGS AND LOOKING AT ALL THE PAPERWORK AND UNDERSTANDING
9 WHAT HAPPENED. BECAUSE CLUELESS HAPPENS. AND YOU GUYS SIT UP
10 HERE AND SAY: OUR STAFF IS CLUELESS. AND YOU THWART THE PUBLIC
11 FOR COMING TO THESE MEETINGS AND UNDERSTANDING WHAT'S GOING
12 ON. HERE WE HAVE A GIFT OF PUBLIC FUNDS. FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS
13 DEFICIT. WE'VE GOT 820 PERCENT RETURN ON INVESTMENT BY A
14 DEVELOPER WHERE IF COUNTY'S GETTING ABSOLUTELY NOTHING ON ITS
15 PUBLIC LAND. THIS IS INCREDIBLE. THIS MAKES AGAIN CORRUPTION
16 IN MARINA DEL REY MAKES THE COLISEUM LOOK LIKE CHILD'S PLAY.
17 OUR PUBLIC LANDS IN MARINA DEL REY, THE RENTS HAVE NOT GONE UP
18 THE WAY THEY SHOULD HAVE. WE HAVE VENICE, SANTA MONICA, PLAYA
19 DEL REY, ALL THOSE PROPERTY VALUES HAVE TRIPLED IN THE LAST
20 SEVERAL YEARS YET YOUR RENTS HAVEN'T GONE UP.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

23

24 **JOHN NAHHAS:** MUST HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH CAMPAIGN
25 CONTRIBUTIONS.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** TIME IS UP. IS DANAE TAPIA HERE?
3 AND DAVID CHAVEZ? MR. JOHNSON?

4

5 **OSCAR JOHNSON:** YES. MY NAME IS OSCAR. I SPEAK FOR THE
6 OPPRESSED. I SPEAK FOR THE STRUGGLING POOR AND I SPEAK FOR
7 CULTURAL CHANGE. I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT RELIGION AND THE
8 SOCIAL CONDITION. BABYLON OF OLD SPREAD HER IDOLATRY AND SIN
9 ACROSS THE WORLD. TODAY WE GOT AMERICA REPRESENTING MODERN DAY
10 BABYLON. SHE'S SPREADING HER DOLLARS AND CENTS ACROSS THE
11 WORLD. THEY TELL THE WORLD WE ARE THE PEACE MAKERS, BUT, NO,
12 YOU'RE THE PEACE BREAKERS. THERE'S A GROUP DOWN THERE IN
13 FLORIDA SAYING THAT WE SHOULD SPREAD THE SHARIA ACROSS
14 AMERICA. SURE IF WE SPREAD THE SHARIA ACROSS AMERICA, WE COULD
15 CHANGE AMERICA FROM THE BEAST TO THE BEAUTIFUL BECAUSE 1,400
16 YEARS AGO THE LESS THE MESSENGER OF GOD HE SPOKE
17 BEAUTIFICATION. AND TODAY WE HAVE THE WORD SAYING "AMERICA THE
18 BEAUTIFUL". THIS IS A LITTLE BIT OF BLACK HISTORY, THOUGH. BUT
19 OUR SOCIAL CONDITION I WANT TO SPEAK ABOUT WE SHOULD BRING THE
20 SUNSHINE LAW INTO THIS POLITICAL FORUM WHAT WE HAVE TODAY. THE
21 SUNSHINE LAW SAYING WE CAN HAVE THE [INAUDIBLE] BE SAID NOW
22 SHOULD BE ON TV AS WE SPEAKING IT. WE CANNOT TRUST YOU ALL TO
23 PUT IT ON TV TOMORROW NIGHT BECAUSE YOU SOUND BITE US. YOU ADD
24 TO AND YOU TAKE FROM. WE SHOULD GET SOME ATTORNEYS TO TALK TO
25 Y'ALL TO SEE HOW COME WE CAN'T HAVE, THE PEOPLE CAN HAVE MORE



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1 OF A VOICE ABOUT WHAT Y'ALL DOING. YOU SHOULD HAVE SOME TYPE
2 OF ACCOUNTABILITY. JUST LOST AND THIS IS JUST INHUMANE FOR
3 ANYBODY TO DO ANYTHING THEY WANT TO DO WITHOUT ANY
4 ACCOUNTABILITY. WE ALL SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT WE DO
5 AND FOR OUR OWN ACTION. WE NEED A BETTER GOVERNMENT. WE NEED
6 RESPECT. WE NEED RESPONSIBILITY. AND WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER
7 FOR THE COMMON GOOD OF ALL MANKIND. AND I LOOK AT THAT SKID
8 ROW DAY IN AND DAY OUT JUST THE WELFARE SOCIETY. I LOOK AT OUR
9 WHOLE POLITICAL MUST CHANGE. WE GOT TO CHANGE THIS POLITICAL
10 GOVERNMENT IF AMERICA WILL SURVIVE BECAUSE THIS POLITICAL
11 GOVERNMENT IS NOT GETTING IT.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. TAPIA-- I MEAN MISS
14 TAPIA.

15

16 **DANAE TAPIA:** MY NAME IS DANAE FROM THE YOUTH JUSTICE
17 COALITION. LIKE SAID IT BEFORE THIS MORNING, THE YOUTH JUSTICE
18 COALITION AND OTHER COMMUNITY LEADERS WERE OUT AT THE L.A.P.D.
19 HEADQUARTERS PROTESTING AND DEMANDING L.A.P.D. TO RESCIND
20 SPECIAL ORDER 1, AND IT WAS FORMERLY KNOWN AS SPECIAL ORDER
21 11. IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT SPECIAL ORDER 1/11 IS. PLEASE STOP
22 L.A.P.D. SPYING.ORG. NOW SOME OF US HAVE COME HERE TO SEE
23 WHAT'S UP WITH THE REALIGNMENT. WE FOUND IT WASN'T EVEN
24 DISCUSSED. WHATEVER THE REASON OF WHY IT WAS NOT DISCUSSED, I
25 HOPE YOU ALL ARE HUMANIZING YOUR OPTIONS. COMMUNITY MEMBERS



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1 DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE ISSUE HAVE TOLD YOU ALL THAT WHAT WE
2 NEED INSTEAD OF CAGES ARE ALTERNATIVES. WE'VE SAID THIS OVER
3 AND OVER AGAIN WEEK-BY-WEEK. IT'S EXHAUSTING. WE NEED TO
4 INVEST IN PEOPLE. IF YOU ALL SUPPOSEDLY REPRESENT THE PEOPLE,
5 THEN LISTEN TO US. NO MORE JAILS. WE NEED ALTERNATIVES TO
6 INCARCERATION. WE NEED TREATMENT, HOUSING, JOBS. WE NEED
7 SPACES FOR LEARNING. WE NEED BUS PASSES, ETCETERA. ALL THESE
8 THINGS ARE MINIMAL. TOMORROW AT THE JUSTICE DEPUTY MEETING WE
9 WILL BE GIVING A SMALL PRESENTATION AROUND A.E.C.O.M. IN
10 RELATION TO THE JAIL EXPANSION DURING PUBLIC COMMENT AND I
11 INVITE YOU ALL TO COME AND LEARN SOMETHING NEW. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. DAVID CHAVEZ.

14

15 **DAVID CHAVEZ:** I'M DAVID CHAVEZ I'M AN, OAR WITH THE YOUTH
16 JUSTICE COALITION AND I'M ALSO HERE TO SPEAK ON RE-ALIGNMENT
17 AB-109. FIRST I'D LIKE TO ADDRESS SUPERVISOR MRS. MOLINA HAS
18 THE PROBATION GOTTEN BACK TO YOUR OFFICE WITH THE DETAILS OR
19 SLASH PLAN REQUESTED FOR WHAT HAPPENS WHEN PEOPLE DON'T MAKE
20 IT TO THOSE SERVICE CENTERS? HAVE THEY BEEN ABLE TO GIVE YOU
21 THAT INFORMATION YET? [SILENCE.] NO? IS THAT NO? THEY HAVE?
22 OKAY. SO THEY DIDN'T. SO WHY ARE WE STILL INVESTING SO MUCH IN
23 THEIR BUDGET? A.B.-109 MONEY, YOU KNOW. SO NOW BUT I
24 UNDERSTAND FROM TODAY'S MEETING THAT A.B.-109 IS BACK AT THE
25 DESK OF THE C.E.O. SO LET'S FOCUS ON ACTIONABLE REAL ITEMS.



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1 PUT THE MONEY INTO CALIFORNIA IDS, METRO BUS PASSES AND A REAL
2 R.F.P. FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS THAT DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE
3 AGAINST FORMERLY INCARCERATED PEOPLE TO PROVIDE SERVICES. IT'S
4 NOT THAT HARD. THE R.F.P. THAT WAS ALREADY DONE WAS PULLED
5 BACK BECAUSE IT HAD SO MANY HOLES AND DIDN'T MAKE SENSE. IT
6 WAS SO RIDICULOUS. I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW WE AS A COUNTY CAN
7 ENTRUST MONEY INTO TWO ENTITIES, THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND
8 TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, SO MUCH WITHOUT EVEN LOOK AT
9 OTHER OPTIONS. ALAMEDA COUNTY HAS A REALIGNMENT PLAN, FOR
10 EXAMPLE, THAT REALLY DID LOOK AT OTHER OPTIONS. THEY'VE
11 DEVELOPED AT LEAST 25 PERCENT OF THE MONEY THEY GOT FOR RE-
12 ALIGNMENT WHICH IS WAY LESS THAN WE GOT. THEY GOT LESS THAN 50
13 MILLION DOLLARS. AND THEY INVESTED THAT INTO COMMUNITY
14 SERVICES. AND I JUST WANT TO REALLY HOLD YOU ALL ACCOUNTABLE.
15 I DO LIKE THE FACT THAT YOU ALL DID DRILL THE AUDITOR-
16 CONTROLLER, I DO APPRECIATE THAT. BUT I HOPE YOU DO THE SAME
17 TO THE SHERIFFS AND PROBATION DEPARTMENT BECAUSE THEY ARE
18 DEALING WITH OVER 100 MILLION DOLLARS THAT THEY GOT FROM RE-
19 ALIGNMENT AND THEY'VE ALREADY BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH ANOTHER 100
20 MILLION DOLLARS FROM A.B.-900 MONEY. DRILL THEM ON THE JAIL
21 VIOLENCE THAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN L.A. COUNTY JAILS, YOU KNOW.
22 ALSO THE FACT THAT ALL THOSE COUNTS OF VIOLENCE, WE HAVE TO
23 PAY FOR THROUGH LEGAL ISSUES, RIGHT? EVERY TIME YOU GUYS GO TO
24 THE BACK, YOU GUYS TALK ABOUT THOSE LEGAL ISSUES. HOLD THOSE



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1 PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE. HOLD THEM TO THE FIRE. DON'T LET THEM WALK
2 ALL OVER Y'ALL. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. ANTONOVICH?

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR, COAUTHORED
7 INTRODUCING WITH SUPERVISOR KNABE THAT WE DIRECT THE
8 AGRICULTURE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES COMMISSION TO REPORT BACK IN
9 TWO WEEKS WITH A REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE OUTBREAK OF THE
10 YELLOW DRAGON DISEASE BY THE CITRUS INSECTS THAT HAS BROKEN
11 OUT IN OUR COUNTY.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DIDN'T WE JUST APPROVE THAT TODAY?

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JUST REPORT BACK.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THIS THE SAME ITEM THAT WAS ON
18 THE AGENDA?

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I DON'T THINK IT WAS ON THE AGENDA.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I THOUGHT WED AN ITEM ON THE
23 AGENDA, THE GREEN SHEET. IT WAS ON THE GREEN SHEET. IT WAS 36-
24 B, I BELIEVE.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, IF IT WAS.

2

3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HANG ON.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT WAS ON THE GREEN SHEET, OKAY, AND TO ADD
6 SUPERVISOR KNABE AS THE COAUTHOR.

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IT'S 36-B.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THEN WE APPROVED IT?

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** TODAY.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ADD SUPERVISOR KNABE AS COAUTHOR.

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IT SAYS "RECOMMENDATION AS SUBMITTED BY
17 SUPERVISORS ANTONOVICH AND KNABE."

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S DONE.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COULD WE GET THE UPDATE ON THE R.F.P. FOR THE
22 VIDEO CAMERA, FOR OUR BOARD MEETINGS? THAT'S BEEN OUT FOR
23 ABOUT THREE YEARS NOW?

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WILL YOU MAKE SURE THE C.E.O. GETS
2 IT?

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'LL DO IT.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. CLOSED SESSION?

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10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
11 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
12 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEMS NUMBER CS-1 AND CS-
13 2, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING
14 LITIGATION AND ITEM NUMBER CS-3, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
15 REGARDING INITIATION OF LITIGATION AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED
16 AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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1 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION APRIL 10, 2012**

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5 No reportable action was taken on items CS-1 OR CS-2.

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7 CS-3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

8 (Subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

9 Initiation of litigation (one case) (12-1480) The Board

10 authorized County Counsel to initiate litigation. The

11 defendants, and the other particulars shall, once the action

12 is formally commenced, be disclosed to any person upon

13 inquiry. The vote of the Board was unanimous with Supervisor

14 Ridley-Thomas being absent.

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1 I, JENNIFER A. HINES, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number
2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do
3 hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los
5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors April 10, 2012,
6 were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my
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8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived
9 in the office of the reporter and which have been provided to
10 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as certified by
11 me.

12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor
13 related to any party to the said action; nor
14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
16 16th day of April 2012, for the County records to be used only
17 for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts
18 as on file of the office of the reporter.

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20 JENNIFER A. HINES

21 CSR No. 6029/RPR/CRR

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